



## “STRONGER - Focus”

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### INTRODUCTION

Stronger is a series that will inspire you to intentionally strive to be **STRONGER** in key areas of your life. Growing stronger spiritually requires great focus in a few potential areas summed up in 5 Behaviors: **ATTEND**, **INVITE**, **CONNECT**, **SERVE**, and **GIVE**. Engaging in just one of these behaviors will have a huge impact in all areas of your life! Dial in a stronger focus and take next steps to engage your faith.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. List some of the most significant “legs on the stool” [from Pastor Tyler’s opening illustration about lion tamers] that can overwhelm you into a type of paralysis.
  - Why do these things rise to such a place of importance in our lives?
2. Behavior #1 is to **ATTEND the weekend**.
  - What things make simply attending church on the weekends particularly challenging for our community? For you personally?
3. **Read Hebrews 10:23-25**. Looking at these passages, what are the benefits you receive when you attend church regularly?
4. Behavior #2 is to **INVITE a friend**.
  - If you do not often invite others to join you at church, why is that? [No guilt here, just honesty].
  - If you do regularly invite, why?
  - Who invited you to church or faith?
5. **Read Matthew 28:19-20 & Luke 19:10**. How do Jesus’ words encourage and inspire you to invite people to church?
  - Is God calling you to invite someone in particular?
6. Behavior #3 is to **CONNECT to a group**. What are some of the obstacles you think keep some people from joining a group, or from joining your group?
7. **Read Proverbs 27:17**. What are some reasons it is invaluable to live in groups?
8. Behavior #4 is to **SERVE regularly**. **Read Mark 10:45**. List ways Jesus modeled serving in his life. How did his willingness to serve distinguish him from other religious leaders in His day?
  - How has serving at different times in your life helped grow your faith?
9. Behavior #5 is to **GIVE generously**. Less than 3% of all the people who regularly attend church in North America tithe regularly to God. Why do you think that is?

10. **Read Matthew 6:21 and Malachi 3:10.** What is significant about the way these scriptures address money and giving to God? Do you think it's possible to out-give God?
11. Which of these Next Steps is God speaking to you about? What will you do about it today?

#### CHALLENGE

Focus on a behavior and engage in order to grow stronger in your faith. Spend five minutes in an attitude of prayer as a group asking God to show you your Next Step(s) from these 5 Behaviors. Write down the specific Next Step in which God is calling you to engage and share it with your group. Be specific, intentional, and record your commitment so you can come back to it later.

#### NEXT WEEK

Spend the first few minutes updating your group on how you are doing with your Next Step!

#### COMMIT TO MEMORY

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."* **Colossians 3:23**

#### PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Commit to praying for the Next Steps each person in your group has committed to taking this week.