



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice Breaker: What is your most memorable moment with sparklers, bottle rockets, fireworks...things that go "boom?!"

- Have you ever done anything "long-distance?" It might be running, driving, a relationship. How did you prepare? What were the challenges? What was the outcome?
- Grab a thesaurus online (or from your college collection of unused books) and look up the synonyms of "determination." Which ones resonate with you? Have you struggled to be determined in an area of your life? Why? What does "determination" in your pursuit of Christ look like today? What do you hope it looks like a year from now? 5 years from now? 10+ years from now?
- Pastor Nate listed 4 ways we must be determined as we pursue and follow Christ: face your fears (Luke 9:51, Matthew 26:46), keep showing up, keep moving forward (John 6:15, 28-29), drink the right water (John 4:10, 35) and remember the pace of grace (Ephesians 2:13). Review these and the corresponding verses. Which of these four comes most naturally to you? Which challenges you most?
- As you look at becoming more like Jesus as you pursue Him, Pastor Nate asked us, "how is the pace of your race?" What needs adjusting to become truly long-distance in your pursuit of Jesus? How can your group support your efforts?
- Pastor Nate also asked us, "What's tripping you up along (your) way?" Think about that for a moment. Are there obstacles you need to remove from your life to move forward? What steps can you take this week to clear the path to follow Jesus well?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Read Psalm 106

Day 2: Read Psalm 107

Day 3: Read Psalm 108

Day 4: Read Psalm 109

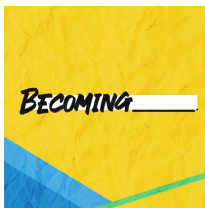
Day 5: Read Psalm 110

BECOMING DETERMINED

SMALL GROUPS & SAUK RAPIDS
CAMPUS PASTOR NATE SICKLER

MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP
DISCUSSION // PERSONAL GUIDES

JULY 7, 2019



"Becoming Determined"

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MESSAGE NOTES

Following Jesus is about _____ living. (*Hebrews 12:1b*)

Long _____ leads to greater things, but takes _____.

We must be determined to...

1) _____ **our** _____

(*Luke 9:51; Matthew 26:46*)

2) **Keep** _____ **up, keep moving** _____

(*John 5-6*)

3) _____ **the right** _____

(*John 4:10, 35*)

4) **Remember the** _____ **of** _____

(*Ephesians 2:13*)

So am I becoming...:

- How is the _____ of your _____?
- What's _____ you up along the _____?

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey. You can also use the Connect Card to let us know about your commitment, too!



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We must be determined to...

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- 2) Keep showing up, keep moving forward (*John 5-6*)
- 3) Drink the right water (*John 4:10, 35*)
- 4) Remember the pace of grace (*Ephesians 2:13*)

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