

## **Small Group Questions: Do Not Drift**

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### **Read**

Hebrews 2:1; Hebrews 4:11; Ephesians 2:10, 46

### **Reflect**

In a world where outbreaks of war, wild fires, and cultural storms are ablaze, we're bombarded with messages that Christians aren't relevant because the Judeo-Christian God is exclusive. In these times, if we don't approach God with urgency, closely paying attention to his words, we'll be tempted to yield to the lies encircling us.

Pastor Christine Caine highlighted five points on how to know when you're drifting away from God:

1. When you stop resting and start striving.
  - a. What does resting in God look like?
  - b. In what areas do you strive for control?
2. When you stop working and start watching.
  - a. Do you tend to watch ministry happening or do you jump in and lend a hand?
  - b. What about at home or at work?
3. When we stop pressing on and start coasting.
  - a. Are there areas in your life where you're just going through the motions?
  - b. If God asked you to do something out of routine like serving in a soup kitchen or spending time with someone outside of your circle, would you do it?
4. When you stop gathering and start isolating.
  - a. Has an offense or failure resulted in you holding back from community?
  - b. Besides attending church, do you have a few people you can share the faith life with?
5. When we stop enduring and start yielding.
  - a. There are times in Jesus' life where he was simply enduring the brokenness of our sin: when Judas betrayed him, at the Garden Of Gethsemane when he asked his father to take his cup, and when he breathed his last breath and said it is finished. How can you relate to this type of endurance?
  - b. Do you have a pattern of yielding or enduring in bad times?

### **Respond**

Discuss further how Jesus' endurance through brokenness benefited the world and how we can learn from his pain.