



Week 5: The Decision to Renounce

1. **For our apostle and prophet:** May you be guided by God in every decision and sacrifice you make.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

2. **For the strength to renounce:** May each member of the congregation have the strength to renounce what prevents them from following Christ fully.

Luke 9:23 (NIV) Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

3. **For God's trust:** May we trust that what we give up will be replaced by God's blessings.

Matthew 6:33 (NIV) "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

4. **By detachment from material things:** That we can put our hope in God and not in material things.

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV) "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

5. **For each person's prayer petitions:** May God hear and respond to each need.

Philippians 4:6 (NIV) Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

6. **For the desire to get involved in a CG:** May God put the will and desire in each of the members of the church to open their homes, sign up as leaders or join a Connection Group.

Philippians 2:13 (NLT) "For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him."