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Permanent Ink Part 1

**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group’s goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

*Over the course of time we make certain decisions the effect the trajectory of our lives. Those decisions coupled with commitment define who we are.*

[Joshua 24:14-15]

“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”
“Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and obey him.” On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people,

[Matthew 25:31-32, 46]

“But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

“....and they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.”

[Matthew 28:19-20]  

“....go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

“I will invest my life in the things that matter for eternity. I will use my talents, invest my resources, and dedicate what I have been entrusted with, in order to make a difference in the eternal destiny of others”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
1. Do you have a tattoo that you would like to share?
2. What dedications have you made that are defining your life?
3. What were some of the commitments you have made that have kept you close to God?
4. Are there any commitments you know God has called you to, that you have been "dancing around"? Spend some time as a group asking God to make those commitments permanent.
5. What commitments do you need to make now, in this season of your life, to set the course for the rest of your life?
6. Read this declaration together as a group and make a decision to make it a reality in your life:

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