

WEEK 1

INTRODUCTION

Why are you interested in going through The Red Letter Challenge? What are you trusting God to do over the next 40 days?

Go over the Group Promise together. Make sure everyone understands the commitment.

GROUP PROMISE

I commit to these basic Red Letter Challenge Group promises. This is my "ALL IN" pledge to live out Jesus' words, both in my own life and in helping my Group do so.

- ➡ *I will be on time and show up with my whole heart.*
- ➡ *I understand that this Group is 100% confidential. Whatever is shared in the Group stays in the Group.*
- ➡ *I will respect other Group members by participating openly and speaking honestly, without dominating the discussions.*
- ➡ *I will not try to fix people, preach a sermon, or give unsolicited advice.*
- ➡ *When I share in the Group I will share primarily about myself and not about others.*
- ➡ *I will trust God to work in all of us as we live out the Red Letters of Jesus together!*

As we're about to embark on the 40-Day Challenge, what is the most challenging thing you've ever been through or done in your life?

Watch Red Letter Challenge Video for Week 1 - Introduction

Describe a time in your life where you've missed the mark.

Read the story of *The Good Samaritan* – Luke 10:25-37

Both the priest and the Levite were trained up theologically the right way, but they missed the mark. When there was someone actually in need, they did completely the opposite of what God wanted them to do.

Part of the problem in the Christian faith is that we don't know what targets to shoot for and what it truly means to follow Jesus.

The Red Letter Challenge has identified 5 targets to shoot for:

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| 1 | Being | 4 | Giving |
| 2 | Forgiving | 5 | Going |
| 3 | Serving | | |

Take a look at the five targets that we'll be shooting for over the next five weeks together. Thinking about your life right now, which one of these five will be the easiest for you? Which of the five weeks do you expect to stretch you the most or be most difficult for you?

CLOSING THOUGHT & PRAYER:

Say: *"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself."*
(Leo Tolstoy)

Spend time praying for your group as you all embark on the 40-Day Challenge together. Ask God for encouragement, strength, and perseverance to live out the words of Jesus.