



SMALL GROUP STUDY

1. How have you experienced dropout in church? Have you personally experienced it, or have you seen it in someone else? How did you (they) overcome it? What was the result?

2. Read **Ephesians 2:8-10; James 2:18.**

How do we all experience salvation in Jesus? What role do “works” play - do “works” save us in any way? Why do works at all? How much of salvation through Jesus is earned or merited by us?

What does Paul say about the works that we do as believers? Who ordained them? Discuss how our motivation to do the works God ordained for us to “please men” as opposed to “please God” will burn us out every time. Share how you have seen this in your own life.

When we say “legalistic over-commitment,” what do we mean? Do we serve because we have to, or because we get to? If we serve with wrong motivation, how does that burn us out and cause us to dropout?

2. Read **1 Corinthians 12:14-27.**

This is a familiar passage in our I WILL series. Discuss the importance of serving as you have been gifted. How is “intentional non-commitment” wrong within the Body of Christ?

Respond to this statement: If you are not serving in your church, you’re not a legitimate church member.

3. What can you do as a group and individuals to keep from dropping out of church?

I WILL!

NINE TRAITS OF AN
OUTWARDLY FOCUSED CHRIST FOLLOWER

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ACCESS TODAY’S MESSAGE

Our website is designed to be a helpful tool for all things Northampton. At www.NBchurchCF.org you’ll find: our church calendar, key events, email and text alert sign-ups as well as access to this week’s message and past messages - all from your computer, tablet or smartphone!

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

Next Step Spiritual Growth Opportunities

A great next step from the Worship Service on Sunday mornings is to connect in a smaller group that meets at 9:30am on Sundays. We also have small groups and other Bible Studies at various times during the week.

Children’s & Youth Ministry

We have a safe place for your children and teens! There are several environments throughout the week for preschoolers, children, middle & high school students to take part in, connect with friends and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Complete info can be found at: www.NBchurchCF.org

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Whether you’re in a small group now or not, use this study guide to help you as you listen to the message and during the week as you dig deeper into God’s Word through the “Small Group Study” section. All of this is designed to help you along the path of discipleship to **Believe > Belong > Become** like Jesus!



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MESSAGE NOTES

I Will Not Be a Church Dropout

Pastor Joe Pryor

**Christ followers who serve for God's _____,
as a result of His work in them, will keep from being a
church drop-out**

Church dropout can be the result of....

1. _____ over-commitment

Ephesians 2:8-10; James 2:18

Keyword: _____

2. _____ non-commitment

1 Corinthians 12:27

Keyword: _____

I WILL!

Move from "I Am" to "I Will"
Worship with Others
Grow Together with Others
Serve
Go
Give Generously
Not Be a Church Dropout
Avoid the Traps of Churchianity
Make a Difference

Adapted from "I Will" by Thom Rainer