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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Life Group.

Business NOT as Usual **Week 2**

ICE-BREAKER: What kind of education or training in morals and ethics did you receive when you were growing up? How does this training affect you today?

When it comes to making ethical decisions, do you depend on your emotions (gut/heart), the law, your friends, or something else?

READ: Jeremiah 17:9

How have you personally witnessed that the human heart is "deceitful above all things"? How does this verse impact your ability to "trust your heart" when making ethical decisions?

What can you do to evaluate the spiritual condition of your heart today?

READ: Proverbs 27:17

We all need people in our lives who won't just tell us what we want to hear. We need people who will tell us what we need to hear. Do you have anybody like that in your life?

If you have a spiritually mature and godly person that you can interact with, how was that relationship established? How have you seen it grow?

What standard do you currently use as an ethical guideline?

READ: Matthew 7:12

What are the benefits of using the Golden Rule as the standard for personal ethical conduct? For business? What drawbacks do you see?

Can you think of a situation where it would be difficult to apply the Golden Rule as an ethical standard?

Are you willing to stand and do what's right, even if you are the only one?

Deep down in your heart, do you believe that a person can be completely ethical and still succeed in today's marketplace?

What can you do to cultivate character this week?