

## Today's Topic: Apostates

(People who leave, fall away, deny, abandon their faith)

**6:15 Announcements** (brief opening prayer)

**6:20 Group time:** Introductions. Your nudge: How did you do, with your "good deed doing" (*without making being in a "works mentality?"*)

**6:40 Back Sliders or Apostates?:**

-What are examples in our world where someone who once professed faith in God, is clearly not following Him now?

- Is there a difference between back-sliding and apostasy?
- Are you being judgmental if you call out apostasy?

**6:50 Our Role With Apostasy/Apostates:**

James 5:29,20: *My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back,<sup>20</sup> remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.*

- What are you being called to do by this scripture?
- Do you have people in your life who seem to have left their faith?
- What have you done with someone you know who lost his/her faith?
- Have you ever been in that position of turning from God?

**7:00 Your Role With Apostasy?**

- What can you do to turn a sinner from the error of their way?
- What can you say or do to someone you know who needs help with apostasy?

Take 2 Min. of silence. What is God's Spirit saying to you about this subject?

**7:10 Your Nudge:** Think of a specific person who you could help.

Write down who and what you'll do. Each person shares with the group.

**7:25 Prayer and adjourn**