



West Valley Church  
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## Part One: The Beans

John 10:10

### 1. ***Gotta be the Bean!***

- John 15:5; Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-10; John 3:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

### 2. The ***Smell of Beans!***

- John 15:16; 2 Corinthians 2:14-16; Psalm 34:8; Matthew 5:13, 10:7-8

### 3. It's ***Beans not Bean!***

- Matthew 18:20; Romans 1:12; I Corinthians 12:27, Ephesians 2:21; I Corinthians 3:16; Acts 2:44-47

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**Talking it over (use this for discussion around your table group):**

- Are you a coffee drinker? Do you have a favorite coffee drink? Can you remember your first cup of coffee? What did you think? If you don't drink coffee, why not?
- When was the best cup of coffee you had? What made it so great—was it the flavor, the preparation, or the people or environment that you drank it in? Explain:
- In what ways do you think that coffee, from the bean to the cup, is a “metaphor” for the Christian life?
- Pastor is going to say that you can't make coffee from a kidney bean – it takes a coffee bean, and we can't be Christians without Christ transforming us. Can you say that happened to you? When and how did that happen in your life?
- Do you think it's possible to reach your greatest potential without Christ? Why or why not?

**Digging Deeper (if you still have time, or for further study later, go through these questions):**

- Coffee has a very distinct, recognizable aroma. Name someone that, for you, was the “aroma of Christ” (2 Cor. 2:14) - what was it about them that made it so? What impact did that have on you?
- How are you the aroma of Christ in your world? How could you be more-so?
- Name some ways that Christians have a “cleansing effect” in this world. How is God using you in this way?
- How is God shaping you to be more like Jesus? Name some ways that you are like Him, and some ways that you want to be more like Him.
- If you were to imagine yourself in that success-filled future that God promises you, what will you, and your circumstances, look like?
- Re-read through your notes. Review the main points and read the Scripture references that are provided for you.