

Introduction**I. THE FIRST HALF OF LIFE: BUILDING THE CONTAINER**

A. Biblical Context of the Meaning of Vessel Language

1. Success (Psalm 16:5-6)
2. Significance (Psalm 23:5)
3. Status (Nehemiah 1:11)

B. Practical Implications

1. Crown
2. Credit
3. Castle
4. Currency
5. Control

II. THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE: POURING THE CONTENT

1. The love of God is described as being poured out (Romans 5:5)
2. The grace of Jesus is demonstrated as being poured out (Luke 22:42; Mark 14:24; 1 Timothy 1:14)
3. The power of the Holy Spirit is poured out in us (Acts 13:52)
4. The life of Paul is described as being poured out (Philippians 2:17; 2 Corinthians 4:7, 16-18)

III. THE TRANSITION IN BETWEEN THE TWO HALVES OF OUR LIVES

1. When we experience restlessness (Philippians 4:7)
2. When we are in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1)
3. When we go through brokenness (Romans 8:18)

1. Read Psalm 16:5-6; Psalm 23:5; and Nehemiah 1:11. Describe how the “cup” as a metaphor describe one’s significance, success and status?

2. In what ways significance, status and success occupy our lives? Why is it an incomplete journey of our lives? How does the second half of our lives should look like?

3. Read Romans 5:5; Luke 22:42; Acts 13:52 and Philippians 2:17. Describe how the language of these verses portray the image of pouring out the “content” to others.

4. Richard Rohr, a Christian author describes the first half of life as building the “Container” and the second life as giving the “Content.” Share with your group where you are in these two descriptions of life.

5. Many times, God allows circumstances in our lives that are “necessary” so we can stop living in the first half and start living in the second half of our life. These are restlessness, wilderness and brokenness. From your experience, share with your group the valuable lessons that changed you.

6. Conclude your Life Group Meeting by praying for one another that 2018 will be a life of not just building the container, but also a life of giving the content to others.

Conclusion**PRAY**