

1. Have you ever taken a vow, or made a serious commitment, that you later regretted? Explain.
2. Why does the Lord take vows so seriously?
3. You are talking with a young man who says, “If vows are so serious, then why would you **ever** take one? Why not just go through life vow-free? Vows just seem like big, scary burdens...huge risks with no obvious reward...” How might you respond?
4. When is it permissible to break a vow? Try to think of real-life examples.
5. Talk about situations you’ve seen where people illegitimately break a vow but justify it. What arguments are commonly used and how might you answer them?

6. Talk about an example of someone you know or admire who kept costly vows and commitments.
7. In the sermon, Pastor Nicoletti talked about the discouragement that results when someone you admire breaks a vow. When and where have you experienced this?
8. In the sermon, Pastor Nicoletti talked about the temptation to make “radical resolutions” that appear pious but are often self-righteous, rash, ignorant, or arrogant. Where and when have you been tempted to and/or guilty of making such statements?
9. In the sermon, Pastor Nicoletti argued that over-committing (even without taking formal vows) often violates the intent behind this passage’s exhortation to keep our vows. Where and when have you been guilty of this kind of foolish over-committing? In your experience and opinion, what are the main motivations, intentions, and thoughts behind a foolish tendency to over-commit?
10. What vows have you taken, and how can this group help, encourage, and pray for you as you seek to keep them?