

SCRIPTURE CARD GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

"JEALOUSY AND RIVALRY ON THE TEAM: JAMES AND JOHN" AUGUST 14 & 15

SERIES OVERVIEW:

You are NOT disqualified from real life with God, even though life is messy. Sometimes we fall into the trap of thinking we are beyond hope when we find ourselves battling the same sins and temptations. Having a clear understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus means that we are forgiven, walking in grace and NOT perfect. We are a work in progress, and so are the people around us. As we learn to know God better and better, He equips us with everything we need to live in His will and be pleasing in His sight. (Hebrews 13:21)

*Follow the directions below for a guided group discussion with a friend, in a family, small group, etc.
Grab a Scripture Card (printed or electronic) and simply follow steps from 1 to 6 on this page and the next.*

1

OPENING PRAYER:

About 2 minutes

Ask a volunteer to open in prayer. Consider reading Psalm 25 as part of the opening prayer.

2

BIG IDEA:

About 1 minute to read

Elevating ourselves not only causes strife in the body of Christ but robs us of the true joy of being God's people and celebrating one another.

3

INTRO QUESTION:

About 10 minutes

Share a high and a low since the group last met. How have you seen God show up recently?



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But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant. - Matthew 20:26 NLT

Reflect

Read the full passage in your Bible - Matthew 20:20-28.

What word or phrase is the Holy Spirit highlighting from the scripture reading?

What might God be calling you to repent of or realign in your life?

What would acting upon this or obeying God look like? Be curious...and then do it.



DISCUSSION HELP:

Use follow-up questions to take the discussion deeper. Guide answers to be honest and real.

Can you say more about that?

How have you seen that play out in your life?

What does that stir up in you?

Has anyone else had a similar thought or experience?

What might God be inviting you to do?

4

SCRIPTURE READING + GROUP DISCUSSION

About 40-45 minutes

Read the entire scripture passage aloud as a group and discuss the questions on the card above. Use the [Discussion Help sidebar](#) to encourage deeper discussion.

Look back to Matthew 20:1-19. How do these verses shed light on the Kingdom that Jesus is trying to explain?

Read also Romans 12:3-5, 9-10. How do the Matthew and Romans passages contrast with a "What's in it for me?" culture?

How have you seen someone you know live out Romans 12:10? How did that encourage you?

5 LIVE IT OUT:

About 15 minutes

Read this section aloud. Invite the group to take the steps listed. Take a moment now to write, text, or email these notes.

TAKE IT DEEPER



WORSHIP



GROW



SERVE



REACH

Live It Out

*This week soak in this scripture each day: Romans 12:9,10 “Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and **take delight in honoring each other.**” Make a list of people you are delighting in and write them a note of encouragement in how you see Jesus in their life.*

Pray

Ask God to show you any friendships in your life where there is jealousy or where you are self-centered. Repent of this.

Invite God to give you a servant’s heart, really a heart like Jesus.

Thank God for his self-sacrificing love for you.

6

CLOSING GROUP PRAYER:

About 5 minutes

Read the prayer section on the card aloud, and take a moment of silence for each person to reflect on the prayer prompt personally.

Share prayer requests. Pray for the person on your LEFT. The leader or apprentice will open and close the prayer.