

SCRIPTURE CARD GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

"HELPING OTHERS DO THE SAME" FEBRUARY 05 & 06

SERIES OVERVIEW:

What is the LIFE that God is calling us to? What does it really look like to FOLLOW? It is an invitation to be and a challenge to be and do. Jesus invited people like us to be with him, be embraced by him and find LIFE in him. Jesus also challenged people like us to actually live the LIFE, being shaped into his image, and to do what disciples do, specifically, to make other disciples. This is real LIFE! Wherever you find yourself on this journey of The [Disciple] LIFE, you're invited to lean into this all-encompassing everyday LIFE; discovering your identity in Jesus, becoming more like him, and helping others do the same.

*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 and SCRIPTURE:

About 1 minute

The leader opens in prayer.

2

BIG IDEA:

About 1 minute to read aloud

Could it be that at its foundation, a disciple is someone who helps others become and learn to live the LIFE of a disciple? "Helping others to do the same" is NOT simply helping others. It's relationally apprenticing others. It's what Paul did with Timothy, and what Timothy was to pass on. It's multiplying my life with Jesus into a few, who will multiply their lives into a few. This is for everyone... everyone's invited on the journey of being disciples (on mission together) who make disciples.

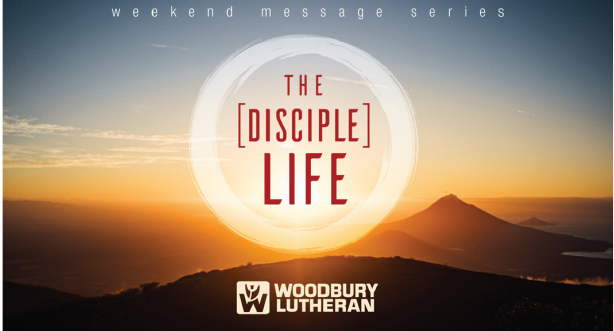
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INTRO QUESTIONS:

About 8 minutes


Name a skill you learned outside of the classroom that you still use or enjoy today. (eg: sport, cooking, farming, etc.) Who showed you how to do it and what was involved to learn?

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[Jesus said,] "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."
-Matthew 28: 19-20 NLT

Reflect 

Read the full passage in your Bible - Matthew 28:16-20.
What word or phrase is the Holy Spirit highlighting from the scripture reading?

What might be God's invitation to you in this?

What might be God's challenge to you in this?

How might God be calling you to respond?
Be curious...and then do it.

4

SCRIPTURE READING + GROUP DISCUSSION

About 40-45 minutes

What do you think is needed to make a disciple?

What first comes to mind for you as you hear Jesus' charge to go and make disciples?

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-2, 3:10-11. Who has helped you learn to follow Jesus? How did they do that?

We are living examples (although not perfect examples) of Jesus to others. What fruit do you have in your life from following Jesus? What did you put into practice to receive that fruit?

What area(s) in your life and character are still under construction as you follow Jesus?



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?

5 LIVE IT OUT:

About 1 minute to read and give as "homework"

Extra credit this week to "Take It Deeper". Look up and read one of the discipling relationships in Scripture. (eg: Jesus with Peter, James and John; Moses and Joshua; Paul and Timothy) What did they do together? What was learned and passed along from simply being together? Who in your life might God be calling you to pour into? How might you approach that?

TAKE IT DEEPER

Live It Out

START your "everyday" this week by praying the prayer of surrender (below). NOW set your heart to live this day on mission with Jesus...helping someone to experience his love.

Pray

Ask God to show you someone he is calling you to help learn to follow him.

Thank him that he promises to be with you, providing everything you need.

Prayer of surrender... *"Lord, I yield to your invitation to make disciples, to help others live the [Disciple] LIFE. I surrender to the work of your Spirit in me."*

6

CLOSING GROUP PRAYER:

About 5 minutes

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

Break into pairs. Share prayer requests and pray for each other now. The leader may close the group time with the prayer from the Scripture Card rephrased for a group setting below:

"Lord, we surrender to Your invitation to make disciples, to help others live the [Disciple] LIFE. We surrender to the work of Your Spirit in us. Amen."