

Disciple SHIFT

WELCOME / OPEN IN PRAYER

INTRODUCTIONS: Share the topic & takeaway this week from above

REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK:
Build in accountability for living it out

GOD-STORIES: A God-story is an undeniable encounter or experience with God that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

REVIEW THE GUIDELINES: Share the guidelines to set the rails for group time

WEEK #3

TOPIC: Relational Environment

TAKEAWAY: Relationships are what God uses to communicate His truth and to help people grow. Without relationships, our journey with God can be lonely and unfruitful. Relationships are the vehicle to bring about spiritual growth!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT | CONFIDENTIALITY | LISTEN | PAUSE | SILENCE | NO "CROSS TALK" | NO FIXING | NO RESCUING | SHARING | SELF AWARE | "I" STATEMENTS | CONFLICT



ASK A THOUGHT-PROVOKING QUESTION TO GET THE GROUP FOCUSED

If Jesus were coming to your home what meal would you prepare and what would you talk about?

SHARE BACKGROUND AND PROVIDE CONTEXT TO THE BIBLE STORY.

Leading into our story today, we see Jesus being intentional with his teaching on how we are to create relational environments that begin with the abiding presence and intimacy of a relationship with Christ that He desires to have with us. From that abiding relationship with Jesus, comes the overflow of His love that empowers us to live out that love we are to have for one another. We see this love modeled and demonstrated time after time later in John's Gospel as Jesus washes His disciples feet, then goes into the night praying on our behalf of His disciples, and ultimately gives up His life on the cross for all mankind. Jesus explains the unconditional love of the Father for us with his life!! He is our "ultimate friend" and is our source for knowing how to create meaningful, lifelong relationships with other people.

VOLUNTEER FROM LAST WEEK SHARES THE STORY (John 15:1-17)

INVITE EVERYONE TO ENGAGE BY BUILDING THE STORY.

READ SCRIPTURE OUT LOUD TO SEE IF ANYTHING WAS ADDED OR OMITTED

ADDITIONAL VERSES: 1 John 1:6-7; 3:16-29; James 5:16, 1 Peter 1:22-23

DIVE DEEPER WITH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



- 1) If you were to summarize the passage you just read, how would you define what a meaningful relationship looks like with God? And with others?
- 2) What are some of the key characteristics that need to be in place for an environment to be relational?
- 3) What are the benefits of growing spiritually in a relational small group rather than remaining in isolation?
- 4) If authenticity and accountability are key traits for relationships to be meaningful, what are some of the barriers that prevent environments from being relational?
- 5) What does modeling look like for you to create relational environments in your home, your job, or your community?

ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORY: Colossians 3:8-17

PRAYER REQUESTS

Share & record prayer requests & follow up throughout the week

ASK A VOLUNTEER TO CLOSE IN PRAYER.