

KEEP LOOKING UP



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 #4

TOPIC: Invite Up!

TAKEAWAY: Don't do anything in life alone.

**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 someone were to give you \$1000.00 that you had to spend in one day, and you must use it to encourage others, how would you spend it?

SHARE BACKGROUND AND PROVIDE CONTEXT TO THE BIBLE STORY.

Author: Paul, Silas and Timothy

Audience: The church of the Thessalonians

Shortly after leaving Thessalonica to go South, Paul became worried about the community he left behind. Having dispatched Timothy and hearing his subsequent report, Paul wrote what is known to be the earliest letter in the New Testament — 1 Thessalonians. Timothy reported that many people at Thessalonica still had great affection for Paul, so Paul wrote them to provide assurance, comfort, gentle caution, conciliation, encouragement, and pastoral care. He wrote to encourage the followers of Christ to persevere in their Christian life. The thanksgiving section serves as an opportunity for Paul to remind the Thessalonians that during severe suffering, they were able to find joy in their relationship with one other as well as Christ.

VOLUNTEER FROM LAST WEEK SHARES THE STORY
(1 Thessalonians 1:1-10)

INVITE EVERYONE TO ENGAGE BY BUILDING THE STORY.

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

ADDITIONAL VERSES
(Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:42-44)

DIVE DEEPER WITH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



- 1) Do you feel you must have it all together before you can invite someone into your 'messy' life? Why?
- 2) When did you have a tough time, and someone helped you thru the season? What did they do/say to you that made the difference?
- 3) What season from your past would have been better/different if you had leaned on someone else, but instead you walked it alone.
- 4) Do you have a person you can confide in? If you do, why did you choose this person? If you don't, what has stopped you from finding this person?

ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORY - to be determined

PRAYER REQUESTS

Share & record prayer requests & follow up throughout the week

ASK A VOLUNTEER TO CLOSE IN PRAYER.