

## Discipleship Groups

### Week 81

As your people gather, welcome them, and help them to greet one another.

When it's time to begin, welcome them as a group, and follow up with them as appropriate.

Next, you may include the question that the early Methodists asked one another: *How is it with your soul?* It is a personal sharing question. The only wrong answer is an untrue one.

Next, use your judgment of where folks are at to ask, as it seems appropriate, "May we pray for you?" If the individual is amenable, you may have the group gather around for a time of concentrated group prayer for that person.

Next, discuss together your experiences of WWJD? When did we ask the question? When did we know the answer or not? What difficulty, cost, or blessing came from doing what He would do?

Finally, touch base with one another about the spiritual discipline of prayer and fasting. Who has done that this past week? What was your experience? Include your experience of Sabbath.

Now you may watch this week's video together. It can be downloaded or played from the website.

Then, following the video, you may embark on your discussion time together.

- What is your reaction to the suggestion that the most important word of all for the Christian life is "as"?
- To what extent are you inclined to take what Jesus said to His first disciples as His word to you, as well?
- What does it mean to you to hear that we are a "sent" people?
- What Jesus says to His disciples in the verse cited (John 20:21) suggests that there is a connection between the Father sending the Son and the Son sending His followers. Talk together about what that connection may be. (Consider the role of love. Consider purpose. Consider sacrifice. And consider the ways in which we are meant to be "as" Jesus.)

After your time of sharing is complete, close the group in prayer. Then, before everyone is dismissed, remind the members about your next meeting time and place, as well as encouraging them to pray for one another each day.

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