

# Discipleship Groups

## Week 12

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

When it's time to begin, welcome them as a group. Since you are the one who knows what the previous weeks' conversations have been, you are in the best position to judge what follow-up may be appropriate at the beginning of each week's session. You are the one in a position to make sure that there is a personal connection from week to week.

You may include as a regular feature of your group time the question that the early Methodists asked one another in their small groups: *How is it with your soul?* It is not a group discussion question but a personal sharing question. Assure your members that they are free to answer it in the way that they interpret it individually. The only wrong answer is an untrue one.

Then, after the initial conversation and the "soul question," lead a follow-up discussion of this past week's prayer exercise. You distributed to the group a list of names and titles by which God is addressed in Scripture, and the individual group members were invited to use those in their own prayer lives. Consider the following questions in a group discussion time:

- How was your experience of using this variety of titles and names for God?
- What was difficult?
- What was a blessing?
- What did you learn?

Next, transition the group to watching this week's video together. The video can be downloaded or it can be played from the web site.

Following the video, move to these questions for personal sharing around the circle:

- Which part of prayer (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) comes most naturally to you? Why?
- Which part of prayer is the smallest portion of your prayer life? Why?

Close your time with a brief prayer on behalf of the whole group.

Before everyone is dismissed, remind the group members about your next meeting time and place, as well as encouraging them to pray for one another each day between now and then.

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