

Discipleship Groups

Week 24

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 the question that the early Methodists asked one another in their small groups: *How is it with your soul?* It is 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.

Next, we want to maintain a weekly opportunity to pray for one another. The idea is not to pray individually for every single member of the group every single week. Rather, as the leader of the group, you would use your judgment of where folks are at and what they are sharing to ask, as it seems appropriate, "May we pray for you?" If the individual is amenable, you may choose to have the group gather around that individual for a time of concentrated group prayer for that person.

After the initial conversation, the "soul question," and the prayer time, transition the group to watch this week's video together. (The video can be downloaded or it can be played from the web site.)

Following the video, engage the group members in a discussion of their experience during the past week.

- How difficult was it for you to make a conscious effort of asking the question, "What would Jesus do?"?
- Did it become easier to do or easier to neglect as the week wore on?
- Share about an experience or two when you knew the answer to the question with certainty and immediacy.
- Share about an experience or two when you did not know the answer to the question.
- How was following Jesus this week costly? Courageous? Criticized? Misunderstood?

Ask the group if they are willing to continue the WWJD covenant together. Will they continue to pledge to one another that, for another week, they will consistently ask the question, and then live according to the answer?

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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