

Discipleship Groups

Week 4

In our Week 4 together, we want to build on the imagining we did in Week 3.

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 then play for them this week's video. As usual, it can be downloaded or it can be played from the web site. When the video is finished, you may begin to lead the group through the following discussion.

As a follow-up to the video, begin with a brief group discussion about the idea of who has the advantage -- the first disciples or us. Invite the group members to reflect on why we might envy the first disciples and how they were able to live with Jesus. Then invite them to reflect on why those first disciples might actually envy us and how we are able to live with Jesus.

Next, we turn to the sharing we did last week...

Last week, we had imagined living with Jesus in the morning, at meals, in the midst of crowds, together with other followers, one-on-one, and in the evening. With that in mind, then, we shared in what area of our lives we would do a better job of living with Jesus, as well as how we would do it.

Now we want to go around the circle and follow up with each other.

Have each member share again the area of his or her life where they intended to do a better job of living with Jesus and how they intended to do it. Then have each person share their experience this past week of trying to do a better job of living with Jesus in that area of life.

The idea is for this to be more than just a report. The real goal is to have the group members reflect aloud with one another about their experience. Accordingly, invite the members to think about and answer questions like this: What went well? What were the obstacles? What was satisfying? What was challenging? What was a blessing? What did you learn? This is how we grow together as disciples -- by holding each other accountable and by learning from one another's insight and experience.

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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