

Discipleship Groups

Week 48

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

When it's time to begin, welcome them as a group. 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 a weekly opportunity to pray for one another. 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.

Finally, 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?

After (1) the initial conversations, (2) the "soul question," (3) the prayer time, and (4) the WWJD debriefing, take a few moments to share together about this past week. What was your experience of trying to convert the "for" or "why" part of the things that you already do? What did you find easier and better because you were deliberately doing it for Jesus? What was difficult to transition into doing it for Him? What was helpful this past week? What did you learn?

Next, take the opportunity to watch this week's video together. It can be downloaded or played from the website. Following the video, discuss it together. In the video, we were introduced to the following concepts, and the group members should share with one another their reactions to each:

- being more interested in God's work being done than in our work mattering
- being willing to be laid aside for Him
- being willing to be brought low for Him
- forgetting yourself as part of discipleship

How does the shower curtain story -- and the related principles -- aid your understanding of what it means to live FOR 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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