

## Discipleship Groups

### Week 5

In our Week 5 together, we will build on our previous conversations about living with Jesus at certain times, considering now what it looks like to live with Jesus in various places.

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

When it's time to begin, welcome them as a group, as usual. Now that you've been together for four weeks, however, it may be best not to move immediately to the video. The suggestions I make for your group discussion, you see, may be an artificial intrusion into your group process. I don't know, after all, what specifically you have talked about together in the preceding weeks, and so I don't know what specific things you may need to talk about together this week. As the group's facilitator, therefore, you should use your judgment during these opening minutes to follow up with one another, as it seems helpful and appropriate.

Next, transition the group to watching this week's video together. As always, the video 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.

This week will really be about sharing our experiences with one another. In a sense, by talking about the holy places in our lives, we are sharing our stories, our testimonies.

The first emphasis is to go around the circle and ask each member to share the story of a *uniquely holy place* -- their own versions of my rainy parking lot story. What place will you always cherish because of some, special, one-time experience with God? Talk about that place. Share that experience.

The second emphasis, then, is to go around the circle and ask each member to share the story of a *routinely holy place* -- their own versions of the hill behind my first-year dorm. What place will you always cherish because it was the site of recurring time with God? Talk about the place. Share the experience.

If time permits, ask the group members what is, for each of them, the most recent *uniquely holy place*. And then ask them if they have in their lives today a *routinely holy place*.

Close your time with a brief prayer on behalf of the whole group, perhaps with an emphasis on thanking God for places.

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.