

## Discipleship Groups

### Week 50

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 thinking "full-time" rather than "part-time"? What did you learn?

Next, watch this week's video together. It can be downloaded or played from the website. Following the video, have each individual reflect on the past week and list 5 things that he/she *experienced* rather than *did*-- that is, things that happened to him/her rather than things he/she did voluntarily.

Once everyone has completed their list, move into the group discussion time:

- Share your lists so that each one's understanding is broadened by hearing others' insights.
- Reflect on more than just last week -- think of the larger story of your life -- what one or two things come to mind as passive rather than active, experienced rather than chosen?
- Evaluate together the things you have shared and answer this question: How many of the *passive* things that come to mind are things we would not have chosen if we'd had a choice?
- Name some Bible characters who were faithful in the midst of involuntary experiences.
- Think through a few of the personal examples you have shared with each other and answer this: What would it look like to experience *that for* Jesus? How can we do that?

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.

