



Week 3 (May 13-19): Lesson Guide

Introduce guests/share life.

Cast vision & open in prayer. Say, “We are all just trying to follow Jesus together.”

Recall the guidelines together.

Hook Command: Tell us a fond or funny memory of your mother.

Ask someone from your team to tell or read the following background for the story:

Today’s story takes place near 1100 B.C. The people of Israel were being lead by prophets, priests, and judges. Eli was the name of Israel’s current priest. Year after year the Israelites would take sacrifices to the Lord at a place called Shiloh (it’s north-west of the Dead Sea), and the priests would administer the sacrifices.

One such sacrificing Israelite was named Elkanah. He had 2 wives. But one of his wives—Hannah—couldn’t have children. Well, one day Hannah was in Shiloh and she was overwhelmed with the desire for children while at dinner.

This is where our story begins...

Tell the story from 1 Samuel 1:9-28: Change up the storyteller often!

Rebuild the story: Group members retell the story based on what they remember.

Read the story from 1 Samuel 1:9-28: Ask the group to read together.

Discuss these questions:

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| Head
Questions:
Quicker
tempo. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did you find interesting in this story? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How do you think Hannah felt at the altar? • What does this story teach us about people? |
| Heart Questions:
Slow down & wait! | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell us about a time your mother sacrificed for you. How does that make you feel? • If you have kids, how have you sacrificed to care for them? Why did you do that? |
| <i>Action</i> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In what measurable way can you show the love of Christ to those in your life this week? • Ask someone to retell this week’s story one last time. |

Close in prayer. Recruit a storyteller for next week.



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Week 3: Coaching Guide

Summer Season Reminder

By now you will have already chosen your 4 dates when your group will meet throughout the summer and maybe even considered some additional enjoyable things. Let this be a reminder that your people will most likely not be more excited about this than you are, so pump it up!

The mission statement of the 2018 Summer Season is to stir up the culture of relational disciple-making in our church family.

This week's focus will be on our first focus:

- 1. Stir up our relationships with Jesus.**

This week take time every day to ask Jesus to show you what it means to be His disciple. I don't want to follow a man-made structure, a feeling, or a movement; I want to follow Jesus. One of the reasons Jesus' initial followers knew what they should do once Jesus left is because they had spent so much time with Jesus already—They knew Him.

We believe God has great plans to use this Summer Season to stir us up for making disciples of Jesus. Jesus did not say go and make small groups; He said, "go and make disciples." This summer, we will focus on the basics of relationships so that we can grow in His example of relational discipleship. Join us!