



Week 7 (June 10-16): Lesson Guide

Introduce guests/share life.

Cast vision for the purpose of group & open in prayer.

Recall the guidelines together.

Hook Question: The Summer Season starts on Sunday. It will last eight weeks. We will meet four times during those eight weeks. We have selected these dates: _____. Do these dates still work for everyone? Are they on your calendars?

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

Jesus died. He had predicted His death many times before the night He freely gave up His life for our sins. He had told His disciples and others that He would be killed. He had told them how He would die. He had even told them that He would rise again on the third day. He had given them instructions on where to meet Him after His resurrection. But, Jesus was dead.

After He died, the disciples were at a loss. They were scattered. They were afraid. They experienced doubt. Many ignored Jesus’s directions on where to rally. In fact, in today’s story, two of the disciples were on the road to Emmaus. Jesus was killed and buried in Jerusalem. He told the disciples to meet in Galilee, an area north of Jerusalem. Emmaus was west! These disciples were headed the wrong way.

Do you ever experience fear or doubts when it comes to following the voice of God and the promptings of His Spirit? Can you relate to these disciples and their apprehensions? How does God respond when His children are struggling? What role does His Word, the Bible, play in helping us get back on track? How does He want to stir our hearts and give us boldness to share His truth with others? Jesus had died, but He had risen again; and He had a mission for His disciples. This is where our story begins...

Tell the story from Luke 24:13-35: Change up the storyteller often!

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

Read the story from Luke 24:13-35: Ask the group to read together.

Discuss these questions:

- Why do you think the disciples were headed out of town and in the wrong direction?
- How did Jesus use His Word, the Bible, to encourage these disciples?
- How did God’s Word impact these disciples?
- What does this story teach us about people?
- What does this story teach us about God?
- How do you relate to this story and what do you need to change?
- Ask someone to retell this week’s story one last time.

Head Questions: Quicker tempo.

Heart Questions: Slow down & wait!

Action

Close in prayer.

Remind everyone of the next meeting date – the first meeting of the Summer Season.

Week 7: Coaching Guide

The Summer Season Starts

The Summer Season begins on Sunday, June 17th. This is the last curriculum packet for eight weeks.

Consider this coaching guide as God's call to check your heart and attitude about the Summer Season. How are you thinking about the next eight weeks? Are you seeing this as a break from discipleship? Or are you seeing this as a unique opportunity to focus on your own spiritual vibrancy and to really invest in relationships with the people in your group and with those outside your group who need you to share Jesus and share life with them?

The Summer Season document is also attached to this email. Read it and refresh your heart on the vision and plan for this season. Be intentional about your time this summer. Trust the Holy Spirit to lead you through His Word and His promptings to the people God wants you to disciple intentionally and invite back into community.

Be sure these dates are on your calendar:

- August 12: Church BASH (kick-off the Fall Season)
- September 28-29: 401 Ongoing Leadership Development
- September 30: Group Leader Appreciation Sunday