



Week 5 (November 29-December 5): Lesson Guide

Open In Prayer

Welcome/Introductions

Ask the group to recall the guidelines for discussion that we use to create a safe environment.

Ask someone to retell last week's story from 2 Samuel 5:17-25 (Jesus is There).

Ask someone on your team to read the Hook Question – Ask, “Have you ever asked for a specific gift, but received something you didn’t expect (ex. Birthday, Christmas, Amazon, Ebay)?”

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

Our story this week looks into the life of Jesus.

The context of this week’s story includes difficult times of trust and dependence. Jesus had sent his disciples out to spread the news that the Kingdom of God was near, requiring them to rely on him for their needs.

Jesus was a man on mission; he knew what his purpose was, and he was set on accomplishing it. Jesus had several practices of which he made habit, such as healing, casting out demons, teaching, telling stories, praying, etc. (meeting needs). Those who spent any time with him noticed this, especially his disciples. Occasionally, his disciples would ask Jesus why he did the things he did.

In today’s story, Jesus’ disciples notice him doing something that catches their attention. Piqued with wonder, they ask him why. Jesus responds with teaching and tales. Listen, as we learn from God’s Word.

Tell the story from Luke 11: 1-13

Rebuild the story – (Group members retell the story based on what they remember)

Read Luke 11: 1-13– (Ask the group to read these verses)

Discuss these questions:

Head Questions:
Quicker tempo.

- Check your understanding – what did Jesus’ disciples ask for?
- Can you relate to either of these two friends in Jesus’ story?
- What do you find interesting in this story—is there anything you dislike?

Heart Questions:
Slow down & wait!

- What do you pray (talk to God) about most often?
- Talk about your beliefs: What do you believe about God’s provision for you? (ask deeper, more specific follow-up questions)
- Listen to the Spirit— with what is He asking you to trust Him?

Ask for a volunteer to retell the story one last time.

Ask for a volunteer to tell the story next week.

Prayer Requests (ask someone in the group to take notes so you can email the requests to the group)

Pray (don’t feel the need to mention every request in prayer again, just pray for the group and send the email)

JESUS REVOLUTION

Week 5: Coaching Guide

6th Essential: WE WILL IDENTIFY, EQUIP, & RELEASE LEADERS

- **Our Goal:** That we fulfill the command in Ephesians 4 to equip all God's people for service and release them to be whom God created them to be.

Leading [learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

- **Accomplishing the goals of Essential #6 during the group meeting...**
 1. In order to work in ministry in this church, a person must be able to function on a team. Each believer must learn how to contribute and receive in community. By spending time in group, individuals will gain a greater sense of teamwork as they story, facilitate, share, pray, serve, and work together with their group family.
 2. In group, it is important to regularly cast vision for ministry. This includes challenging the members to meet one-to-one with other members or with people outside the group, invite others into the group to join in the discipleship process, pray for others, etc. Without vision the people perish. We must remind our groups constantly that we are more than a safe-haven for believers, we are an army intended to storm the gates of hell.

Shepherding [know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

- **Accomplishing the goals of Essential #6 outside the group meeting...**
 1. Giving assignments to your group is one of the most important things you can do to identify, equip, and release leaders. These assignments can start simple – plan a meal or keep a meal schedule, organize an opportunity to give or serve, facilitate a meeting, story, make a hospital visit, join a volunteer team in our church, etc. Over time, these assignments can continue to grow – lead a group meeting while you are away, start a new group, etc.
 2. We want to lead our group members to serve, lead, and build. We serve together by willingly ministering to others, both in the context of group, as well as in a volunteer ministry with our church. We raise up leaders by giving assignments and allowing those delegates to grow as they minister. We build together as we branch groups, start new ministry teams, and organize/mobilize people to do ministry together (block parties, outreaches to schools, etc.). We believe that we are better together.

Developing [grow as a disciple yourself]

Are you raising up leaders? As we disciple everyone, leaders will emerge. We must start as a good shepherd before we can identify, equip, and release leaders. Are you shepherding your team? Do you know your sheep? Who is gifted in leadership? Not everyone is a gifted leader, but gifted leaders will emerge and thrive in an environment where they can use their giftings.

Great leadership starts with you. It is hard to recognize something you don't have. Have you ever heard the popular idea that people tend to judge others who have their same problems? It is true! If you are a gossip, it is easier to recognize gossips. If you are insecure, it is easier to recognize others who are insecure, and so on. Well, if you are practicing good leadership, it is easy to recognize those with the potential for leadership!

May the Lord help you grow as a leader. May he strengthen you as you shepherd His sheep. As you minister, may God show you whom He wants you to meet with one-to-one for the purpose of raising up new leadership!