



Week 5: June 9-15

Introduce Guests/Share Life: *How has this week been going? Good? Bad? Ugly? Things to celebrate?*

Open in Prayer: *Include any prayer needs that came up while you were sharing life together.*

Recall the Guidelines: *Ask: "What is the purpose of the guidelines?" Answer: To be relational!*

Summer Season Preparation: *This is the last curriculum packet before the Summer Season begins. Please be sure to read the coaching guide this week and make sure you are prepared for the Summer Season.*

Retell Last Week's Story: John 21:2-19 (Jesus and Peter – "Peter, do you love me?").

Hook Question: *Who's your one?* Who is the primary person God has put on your heart that you need to share Jesus with the most? How have you been doing when it comes to being relational with that person?

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

Jesus often spoke in parables. Parables are short stories that use ordinary imagery to communicate a spiritual reality. Jesus lived on earth two-thousand years ago in a different culture; so His parables were about ordinary things from that time and place.

Today we will hear three parables. All three of these parables are about the kingdom of heaven. They help us know what God's kingdom is like! The parables are: the parable of the hidden treasure, the parable of the pearl, and the parable of the net. Remember, these parables are not actually about treasures or pearls or nets. Those are the ordinary images Jesus used. The parables are actually about spiritual realities that cannot be seen but can be understood by faith.

God's kingdom is present and is still arriving. When Jesus returns, the full glory of His kingdom will be revealed. Those who know Jesus will rejoice! Those who are lost in their sins will experience sorrow beyond words. It is good to remind ourselves of this. Now, it is time to hear these three parables that Jesus told...

Tell the story from Matthew 13:44-51: *Use different storytellers. Teach your group to share God's Word.*

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

Read the story from Matthew 13:44-51: *Ask the group to read these verses.*

Discussion Questions: learn to talk about God's Word with others...

Head Questions: Quicker tempo.

- In the parable of the net, who are the fishermen? Who are the fish? What is the blazing furnace?
- What do these parables teach us about God's kingdom?
- What do these parables teach us about people? (Use an "I" statement in your answer.)
- What do these parables teach us about God? (Remember, Jesus is God.)

Heart & Hand Questions: Slow down & wait!

- Based on these parables, how do you need to change?
- Let's go around the circle. Say the name of one person you need to be intentional with in your relationship so you can lead them to Jesus. What is one thing you need to do this week to be relational with them?
- Who could retell the story for us right here one last time?

Remind your group of the plan for the first week of the Summer Season next week. Encourage your group to invite the person they are praying for and being relational with to come to group.

Close in prayer.

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5min

5min

4min

10min