



Week 4: April 26 – May 2

Share Life:

Review Guidelines: *Which guideline is the most difficult for you to follow?*

Question: How do you feel about the recent events surrounding Coronavirus? How do you need to be encouraged right now?

Vision: Discipling people naturally leads to multiplication. Paul tells Timothy to tell faithful men what he has taught him who are able to teach others also. As we live life together, let's look for opportunities to invite others into relationship as well.

Share God's Word (story):

Background: As Christians, we have hope in Christ. This hope is rooted in the forgiveness of our sins and spending eternity with Him. The gift of eternal life helps us realize that this earth is not our home. In fact, we are strangers and exiles in this world who are longing for our new country, a greater country (Read Hebrews 11:13-16).

Today's narrative describes our new home.

In the end, there will be difficult days, but Jesus will return! He will reign for 1,000 years while Satan is bound. After that 1,000 years, Jesus will defeat Satan one last time and cast him into the lake of fire. Then the Great White Throne of Judgement (aka The Final Judgement) will take place where the sheep are separated from the goats. The goats will be thrown into the lake of fire. The sheep will see a new heaven and a new earth... a new country. This is where our story begins.

Tell the story from Revelation 21

Read the story from Revelation 21

Share Questions & Discussion:

1. What stands out to you in this story and why?
2. What can you learn about man, or what can you learn about God in this story?
3. How do you need to respond to what the Holy Spirit is telling you?

Share in Prayer

In addition to praying for any needs in your group, spend time praying this week that God would add someone new to your small group that you can minister to together.

Recruit a storyteller for next week!!



Week 4: Jesus the Great Administrator

What was the last project that you worked on? When you worked on that project was it difficult? Did it frustrate you at some point or did it go as you planned? Did you need help? Was it going to get done if you sat there and did nothing or did you have to take ownership of it?

Projects can be difficult, but when they are finished there is a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction knowing that something important to us was accomplished. The same dedication and ownership that we commit to projects is necessary in our walks with Christ. Jesus set the bar for taking ownership for His spiritual life and helping others with theirs. Below are some examples:

Luke 5:16 – “But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.”

Luke 11:1-4 - “One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.’”

Luke 4:16 - “And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.”

If we are going to help others in their walks with God, we must first take ownership of our personal walks. If we do not, we will have nothing to share! Take time this week to evaluate your walk with Christ. Are you spending intentional time in his word daily? Are you spending time in prayer and thanksgiving? How are you doing as far as staying in fellowship with other believers and sharing the gospel with those who don't know Him? As we grow in each of these areas, think about how you can invite others to join you and see what God does.