



Week 8: October 6-12

Welcome / Introduce Guests

10min

Open in Prayer
Recall the Guidelines

2min

Share the Vision: *By now, we should be growing in our understanding that we are a team of disciplinarians who are working together to make disciples of Jesus. Do you realize that we are totally dependent on God to do this? Don't you know that every time one of us is about to share the gospel with someone or meet with someone for discipleship that we need His power? We are dependent on God to do His work.*

5min

Hook Question: Based on the vision for our small group that I just shared with you, how do you feel you are doing when it comes to spending time on your personal relationship each day?

2min

Retell Last Week's Story: **2 Kings 4:38-44** (Elisha and the Famine)

4min

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

When Elijah was taken up to heaven, God fulfilled His promise and gave Elisha a double portion of the Spirit that was on Elijah. Since we heard that story a few weeks ago, we have seen several examples of the work of the Holy Spirit through Elisha.

One of the greatest elements of these stories has been faith. Faith in God. Faith in God's Word. Faith in God's promises. The work of the Holy Spirit is activated in our lives through faith. Today's story is a powerful example of faith. The story is about Elisha and his ministry to a widow woman and her two sons in their time of great need. Pay attention to the theme of the Holy Spirit and the theme of faith in this story. This is where our story begins...

12min

Tell the story from 2 Kings 4:1-7: *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 2 Kings 4:1-7: *Ask the group to read these verses.*

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

Head
Questions:
Quicker
tempo.

- What stands out to you in this story? Why?
- How much oil did the widow receive? (Exactly the same amount as the number of jars she collected.)
- What does this story teach us about people?
- What does this story teach us about God? (Remember, the Holy Spirit is God.)

Heart & Hand
Questions:
Slow down &
wait!

- What do you think God is trying to show you right now? How do you need to change?
- Who could retell the story for us right here one last time?

**Thank your storyteller for sharing the Word. Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week.
Close in prayer.**



Week 8: The Necessity of Relationship with the Holy Spirit

When we live on mission with Jesus, we are constantly aware of our need and dependence on Him.

Don't you know that every time I am about to share the gospel with someone that I am keenly aware of my inadequacies to effectively communicate with them in a way that will lead them to leave their belief system behind and follow Jesus?

I feel the same way when I am about to meet with someone in my group that has a life crisis or conflict and they want my input. I don't feel adequate! I don't feel like I have what it takes!

The truth is... I am not adequate to do these works in my own power. I am dependent upon the Holy Spirit and His work in me. When we live and think this way, we grow in our understanding of our need to be in tune with the Spirit, to walk with the Spirit, and to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit. He is a person who is always with us, who emboldens and equips us for His work, and who ministers to us to satisfy our deepest needs as we delight in Him.

Reading the Word Together

When we are living on mission with Jesus it makes us desperate for relationship and power from His Holy Spirit. Living on mission causes us to prioritize our relationship with the Holy Spirit above everything else. We cannot expect to effectively lead our small groups to be a team of disciples who makes disciples without the help and power of the Holy Spirit.

In 2020, our church will be launching a Bible reading plan that we are asking all our group leaders to participate in. Together, coaches and group leaders will spend time reading daily and seeking relationship with the Holy Spirit through His Word. We strongly encourage our group leaders to connect as many people from your group as possible to get on the same reading plan with you. When we read the Scriptures together and seek relationship through the Scriptures with the Holy Spirit and with one another, God uses His Word to radically change our hearts and to empower us to do His Work. Leaders, will you join us in this strategy in 2020? Discipleship is a team sport!