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Week 3 (April 15-21): Lesson Guide

Introduce guests.

Cast vision and share guidelines. Ask: "What is the purpose of the guidelines?" Answer: To be relational!

Open in prayer.

Testimony: On week three, a group member will share their testimony. Group leaders should be available to help the group member prepare their story. Contact your coach if you need further assistance.

Hook Question: What questions would you like to ask about the story/testimony you just heard? (If no questions are presented or if time allows, ask, "What stood out to you the most in the story you just heard?")

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

Lazarus lived in the town of Bethany, not far from Jerusalem, with his sisters Mary and Martha. Jesus loved this family and was very concerned when He heard that Lazarus was ill. But, He knew that God the Father had a plan to use Lazarus' illness for His glory. So, Jesus delayed visiting Lazarus and the family.

After staying in the town where they were for two days, Jesus told the disciples that they should go to the region of Judea to visit their friends because Lazarus had fallen asleep. But they urged Him not to go because the Jews in that region were looking to stone Him. In a simpler way, Jesus said that Lazarus had died. He was glad for their sake that He was not already there when he passed so that they would believe, and He went to see Lazarus.

When Jesus and the disciples arrived, Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days. The Jews were with Mary and Martha consoling them about their brother. Martha heard that Jesus was coming to visit and ran to meet him, but Mary stayed seated in the house. Martha told Jesus that if He had been with Lazarus while he was sick, he would have lived. But she also understood that even in Lazarus' death, Jesus could ask God the Father whatever He wanted, and God would do it for Him. Jesus assured her that Lazarus would rise again, which she believed would happen during the resurrection on the last day. Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life... everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die." And He asked her if she believed that to be true to which she responded "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." After stating that, Martha went to get her sister Mary. This is where our story begins.

Tell the story from John 11:28-44: Change up the storyteller often!

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

Read the story from John 11:28-44: Ask the group to read together.

Discuss these questions:

Head
Questions:
Quicker
tempo.

- What stands out to you about this story?
- What does this story teach us about people?
- What does this story teach us about God?

- How do you relate to this story?
 - As a Christian, how can you relate to Lazarus?

- Martha expressed hope in Jesus. Do you have that same hope? If you do, who do you know that does not have that same hope?

- How are you going to apply this story to your life this week?

Heart Questions:
Slow down & wait!

Action

Recruit a storyteller for next week.

Close in prayer.

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Week 3: Coaching Guide

The Best Way to Find Someone to Disciple

It has been exciting to see what God is doing in our church recently. Spending time in intentional prayer for those we know who need a relationship with Jesus and then seeing many of them come the past two Sundays has been so encouraging. And then to hear the stories of Jerry and Melissa has been great too. It is incredible to see how God has transformed their lives.

Did you know that your story is just as effective in sharing the gospel with your friends? Jim Putman recently wrote an article about this idea. Check out what he says about sharing the gospel and finding new people to disciple.

Hi guys! I hope your week is going as well as mine (I am on vacation with my lovely wife!)

This week's post talks about the very important **first step** in making a **disciple**. If you are **uncomfortable sharing your story** with people you don't know well, you are **not alone** - but if we are going to follow the **pattern Jesus** left for us - we need to be willing to **enter the realm of 'uncomfortable'**. At the end of the post I put a **free download** to give you **3 Steps** that will help you share the **Gospel**, and **your life**, with others. Happy reading!

Jim Putman

[The Disciple Makers Journey Starts with This Step](#)