



Week 1 (November 1-7): 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 Genesis 3:1-13 (the first sin).

Ask someone on your team to read the Hook Question – Ask, “What nicknames have you had? How did you get those names?”

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

When God told Moses at the burning bush to go and free Israel from bondage to Egypt, Moses replied, “Whom should I say has sent me?” God replied by revealing His name to Moses: “Jehovah.” Jehovah means “I AM.” The name “I AM” is a very sacred name of God. All the Jews of Jesus’ day understood the meaning of the name “I AM.”

Jesus is Jehovah, the Great “I AM.”

Today’s story takes place while Jesus was spending some time in the temple teaching people who believed in Him. The Pharisees showed up and started interrupting Jesus by asking questions and making false accusations about Him. Get a feel for this heated conversation by having a group member read John 8:31-55 as part of the background. As you read, listen to the hard heart of the Pharisees. Listen to Jesus’ Words as He reveals who He is to the Pharisees. After you read, then tell the story...

Tell or read the story from John 8:56-59

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

Read John 8:56-59 – (Ask the group to read these scriptures)

Discuss these questions:

- What do you like about this story, and is there anything you dislike?
- What does the background about God revealing His name “I AM” to Moses have to do with today’s story about Jesus?
- The Pharisees did not believe Jesus was the “I AM.” What was their response to Jesus?
- When a person believes that Jesus is Jehovah (or “I AM”), how will they respond to Jesus?
- Open your eyes! How do you need to respond to Jesus, the “I AM,” right here in group today?
- ***Recommendation:*** Start a prayer meeting on the spot! Ask your group to take a posture of humility (they can stand, kneel, bow their heads, etc.). Encourage them to humbly respond to Jesus, the GREAT “I AM.”

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 8: Coaching Guide

Leading [learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

- Let's continue to look at the Kingdom Way of living through seven essentials for kingdom living...
- **2nd Essential: WE WILL REACH THE LOST**
 - Our Goal: That every person in our church can and does share their faith with those who do not know Jesus.
 - As group leaders, we must realize that this starts with discipling someone ourselves! (Sharing Christ with the lost and discipling them to maturity in relationships.)
 - We must also lead our teams to engage others in the discipleship process. This includes asking them to invite friends to group, expecting them to share life with non-believers, and leading them to be relational with people outside the group meeting.
 - We will encourage our group to live out the 2nd essential by the way we live and by challenging them regularly during our group meetings.

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

- As group leaders, we will make sure that we are recruiting assistants and leading them by example to share their faith and make disciples personally. This means modeling for them and training them how to share their faith one to one. We will also celebrate with them when they live and love in such a way that Jesus is glorified and people are saved.
- As group leaders, we will be looking throughout the masses of people who attend our church (weekend services, 101, top of the funnel events, etc.) so that we can help them find Christ and become disciples who can make disciples. We will look for ways to connect the disconnected and the unconnected to our group or another group where they can grow through relationships with other believers.

Developing [grow as a disciple yourself]

The first part of the discipleship process is to reach out to the lost. We must align with the Holy Spirit as He draws the lost into a saving relationship and leads them to our church.

Is sharing Jesus with the lost something you value?

There are only two outcomes when you share Jesus with others, and both bring God glory...

1. The person hears the Word and receives faith from God to respond to the gospel. That person is reborn and receives a new life and identity in Christ. God receives the glory!
2. The person who hears the Word rejects God's free gift of salvation. (Rejection takes many forms: passive, aggressive, manipulative, etc.... but it is all rejection.) As a result, another lost soul has heard the gospel. Seeds are planted that may or may not lead to repentance. Either way, they have received God's mercy by hearing the Word and God receives the glory!

THE ONLY WAY THAT WE MISS OUT ON BRINGING MORE GLORY TO GOD IS IF WE REMAIN SILENT AND DO NOT SHARE JESUS WITH THE LOST!!!

You are stewards of God's grace. How will you steward the free gift of salvation that you have received without charge? In Christ, you are already His witness! Will you live out your new identity in Christ through your humanity, or will you quench the Spirit of God in you and succumb to the whims of the flesh?

We urge you, brothers and sisters, for the sake of Christ and for the sake of the world whom He loves, "let your light so shine before men" (Matthew 5:16)! Live out the new life you have received in Christ! Model discipleship and lead others to do the same. It starts with sharing Jesus with those who don't know Him.