



Community Group Leader Guide Week 4

This week's "point" is that we get to live out the incarnational mission of Jesus in our world: to embody God's love to those who are in need, hurting, and ultimately, who don't have a relationship with Him. Just as God "stepped down" out of heaven to serve and save us, so we are called to "step down" from our relative comfort in life to embody God's love towards this broken world. It is an exciting mission, but one that is also deeply challenging.

Schedule

1. Gather & Eat (30 mins)
2. Welcome & Icebreaker (5-10 mins)
3. Discussion (30-40 mins)
4. Closing & Prayer (5-10 mins)

Ice Breaker

If you had a talk show, who would be the first guest you'd want to interview?

Questions

1. Who are the Samaritans of our day? Who are the Samaritans in your life?
2. When was a time that you experienced hospitality in a meaningful way?
3. What are some specific ways we can show Jesus' hospitality towards our neighbors?
4. What would it take for us to become people who are more hospitable towards 'outsiders'? What is one small step you could take over the next couple weeks?
5. How are you making the most of every opportunity to share the message of God's grace? How are you not?
6. Matt talked about "embodying" God's love as a way of sharing it with others. How could you imagine doing that?

Notes

- Make sure new people are welcomed. Remember that for the new person, it might be very intimidating to come into a group of people who already know each other.
- Review this guide and the Facilitator Guide/Questions (pg. 76-79) before your night.
- Use the prayer prompt from the Facilitator Guide for your prayer time at the end.

Announcements

- Prepare for prayer experience (whether on Group night or an other day).
- Tell your Group to save Saturday March 16 as a probable "Serve Together" day.