



beautiful COMMUNITY

***A WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL CREATED
BY A TEAM OF PEOPLE AT
ADVENTURE OF FAITH***

INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY (FOR GROUPS)

Safety pin Rice Game

Two blindfolded players get 60 seconds to dig their hands through a mixture of rice and safety pins in an attempt to differentiate between the two. The goal is to find as many safety pins as possible before the timer goes off. When players find one, they should pull it out of the bowl or bag and place it near them to easily count when they're finished.

REAL TALK:

THIS IS A TIME TO BE AUTHENTIC, WITH YOURSELF AND OTHERS. SHARE HOW YOU'RE DOING WITH GOD PERSONALLY AND PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER.



SERMON INTRO:

“Our world is focused on ourselves, on what we think we need, on what we want, on what we desire. To live as Christ's people is to reject this type of living and to live with a focus on others entirely. It is to trust the Lord to care for our needs and seek to pursue what others need above ourselves. It is to seek others' success instead of our own. It is to desire to see others experience blessing instead of pursuing it for ourselves. To live in biblical community, we need to repent of jealousy, selfishness, and our typical self-seeking behavior in our lives.”

GOD ENCOUNTERS:

JOURNAL, THINK ABOUT, OR DISCUSS WITH YOUR GROUP HOW YOU HAVE ENCOUNTERED GOD IN YOUR LIFE THIS WEEK.

WORSHIP SONG:

CLICK IN THIS AREA FOR A HYPERLINK TO YOUTUBE OR SEARCH FOR:

We Are One (Lyric)

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READ:

Philippians 2: 1-18

Discuss:

- What stands out to you?
- Does anything not "jive" with you? Why? What is God teaching you in that?
- What can we learn from Barnabas as a follower of Jesus?
- With these men as our models, how can we learn to be disciples?
- How can we learn to do life with one another as the church?
- In our relationships with one another, are we in it for others or for ourselves? Why?
- Are we participating in the body of Christ because of how it benefits us or for the sake of others? Why?
- Are we willing to give of our positions, our possessions to see others grow and go on to do better things than we ever did? Discuss

Memory verse: Philippians 2:4

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

PRAYER:

Father,

Why do I become so self-obsessed at times? Please forgive me, Lord!

I recall when your Holy Spirit touched my heart and I suddenly understood the ultimate sacrifice you made for me...I was so humbled! Nothing will ever eclipse that moment in history...no love will ever be greater...no sacrifice more complete!

As followers of Christ, our focus is, and always should be, entirely on you.

May I never be motivated by self-gratification. Please shield me from feelings of envy toward another person's gifts and abilities. I want to rejoice enthusiastically that we are serving the same savior and exult in the growth of your kingdom.

As believers, help us to encourage and support each other as we work, in unison, for the glory of God.

In Jesus Name,

Amen