

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP GUIDE



YEAR 1

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GETTING STARTED

If you have never been in a CFC Discipleship Group, go to christfellowshipga.org/discipleship and watch the following quick videos before you begin:

What Is Discipleship?

Why Use Curriculum?

How To R.E.A.P.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP COVENANT

I am joining a Discipleship Group with (list the names of those in your group):

We will go through Unit 1 and 2 of *Discipleship Group Guide Year 1*. We will meet from _____ to _____ (time) on _____ (day of the week) starting on _____ (date).

I will attend at least 24 of the 30 meetings.

I will strive to have daily personal worship (Bible reading and prayer)

I will read *Prodigal God* by Timothy Keller, *Counterfeit Gods* by Timothy Keller, and *The Pleasures of God* by John Piper.

During our summer break, I will also read *Habits of Grace* by David Mathis.

I will protect the transparency and confidentiality of my group.

I hope to multiply my life into the lives of others during and after this group.

Signature

PERSONAL WORSHIP PLAN

Part of growing in Christ is establishing a daily routine of personal worship. Personal worship is a time when you get alone with God, listen to Him through His Word and respond to Him in prayer.

When will I have my daily personal worship?

Pick a time of day

How long do I hope to spend in daily personal worship?

If you are new to this, try something doable like 10-15 minutes. If you've been doing it for a while, aim for longer, like 30 minutes - an hour.

Where do I plan to do daily personal worship?

Pick an exact place, like: 'the swing on my back porch.'

What Scripture will I read in my daily personal worship?

You could start by picking one book of the Bible (if you're new to this, Mark or John would be a great place to start) or you could pick a plan to read the whole Bible. The app YouVersion offers a lot of plans. You can also just google 'Bible Reading Plans' and find a lot of good ideas.

What will I do during my personal worship?

Consider the R.E.A.P. Method in your personal worship. You may choose to add in a time of singing too.

UNIT 1

SCRIPTURE MEMORY PLAN

Week 1 Memory Verse: _____

Week 2 Memory Verse: _____

Week 3 Memory Verse: _____

Week 4 Memory Verse: _____

Week 5 Memory Verse: _____

Week 6 Memory Verse: _____

Week 7 Memory Verse: _____

Week 8 Prayer Time

Week 9 Memory Verse: _____

Week 10 Memory Verse: _____

Week 11 Memory Verse: _____

Week 12 Memory Verse: _____

Week 13 Memory Verse: _____

Week 14 Memory Verse: _____

Week 15 Prayer Time

SCRIPTURE STUDY PLAN

Week 1 Study Passage: _____

Week 2 Study Passage: _____

Week 3 Study Passage: _____

Week 4 Study Passage: _____

Week 5 Study Passage: _____

Week 6 Study Passage: _____

Week 7 Study Passage: _____

Week 8 Prayer Time

Week 9 Study Passage: _____

Week 10 Study Passage: _____

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Examine the passage. What does this passage teach you about...

Dig deeper with your answers by asking who, what, where, when, why and how questions and looking at cross references and study notes to help you answer those questions.

The character and nature of God?

The character and nature of mankind?

The person and work of Jesus?

Apply the passage. Consider how you should apply this passage through the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the following questions:

Are there sins to avoid?

Are there promises to claim?

Are there examples to follow?

Are there commands to keep?

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Find something in the passage to *ask* God for.

Group Discussion: Use these questions to discuss your personal study with your group.

1. What interested, challenged and/or comforted you in your study of this passage?
2. Do you have any unanswered questions from your study of this passage to ask the group?
3. How does this passage impact or change the way you see your life?
4. What is one way you can apply this passage this week?

End your discussion time in prayer based on your passage, having one person praising and thanking God, one person confessing and one person asking.

EQUIPPING

Read the Introduction and Chapter 1 of *The Prodigal God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Before a group can practice accountability, they must know and trust one another. We will grow in our knowledge and trust of one another by sharing our life stories.

This week, your group leader will share his or her life story. After he or she has shared:

1. Ask any clarifying questions.
2. Show how you see God at work in this person's life.
3. Circle around and pray for the person who shared.

Assign someone else to share his or her life story next week. Use the *Sharing Your Life Story* article on page 191 in the appendix to learn how to prepare.

PRAYER

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WEEK 2

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EQUIPPING

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ACCOUNTABILITY

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EQUIPPING

Read Chapter 3 of *The Prodigal God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

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WEEK 4

SCRIPTURE

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EQUIPPING

Read Chapter 4 of *The Prodigal God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

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If your group has already finished Life Stories, you can end early, spend some time socializing or spend more time in prayer or other parts of this week's curriculum. We will start answering accountability questions in this section on Week 9.

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WEEK 5

SCRIPTURE

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EQUIPPING

Read Chapter 5 of *The Prodigal God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

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SCRIPTURE

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EQUIPPING

Read Chapter 6 of *The Prodigal God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

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EQUIPPING

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PRAYER

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WEEK 8

PRAYER

This week, we will pause and pray with one another. Use this as a guide to help you structure a meaningful time of prayer as a group.

GOSPEL

Look back at the **SCRIPTURE AND EQUIPPING** sections from the past several weeks. Jot down truths you have learned about God from the Scripture you've studied and memorized and the book you've read. In your group time, spend time praising and thanking God for these truths, confessing to God sin you learned about yourself and asking for His help to grow in these truths.

COMMUNITY

Share how others in the group can be praying for you personally. Then, spend time praying for one another.

MISSION

Read *Developing a Missional Prayer List* on page 193 and create one in the Appendix. Jot down the names of those on your missional prayer list below. Pray for them by name.

WEEK 9

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EQUIPPING

Read the Introduction and Chapter 1 of *Counterfeit Gods*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Now that we know and trust one another, we can begin to practice loving accountability. Accountability helps us point each other toward Jesus. We will hold one another accountable for three areas in life: personal worship, the root behind our actions and missional living. The accountability for the root behind our actions (an exercise called Fruit to Root) will rotate through five different sets of questions. Fruit to Root was originally developed in *Gospel Fluency* by Jeff Vanderstelt. His exercise has been simplified for this curriculum. We have also added five more sets of questions. Some were based on questions from the Epilogue of *Counterfeit Gods* by Tim Keller.

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. What have you worried about recently?
2. How might this reveal a root idol (power, approval, comfort, control)?
3. What is the gospel? How is the beauty of Christ displayed in the gospel better than the beauty you are looking for in your idol?
4. What is the next step you can take this week to fight that idol?

Missional Living

How have you prayed for, evangelized and/or intentionally built relationships with non-Christians this month?

PRAYER

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WEEK 10

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EQUIPPING

Read Chapter 2 of *Counterfeit Gods*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. What consumes your daydreams (i.e. what do you find yourself thinking about/wishing for)?
2. How might this reveal a root idol (power, approval, comfort, control)?
3. What is the gospel? How is the beauty of Christ displayed in the gospel better than the beauty you are looking for in your idol?
4. What is the next step you can take this week to fight that idol?

Missional Living

Download the *Life Conversation Guide* App from the North American Mission Board. Have one person from your group practice sharing the '3 Circles' with your group.

PRAYER

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WEEK 11

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EQUIPPING

Read Chapter 3 of *Counterfeit Gods*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. Where has your money most naturally flowed to in the past month?
2. How might this reveal a root idol (power, approval, comfort, control)?
3. What is the gospel? How is the beauty of Christ displayed in the gospel better than the beauty you are looking for in your idol?
4. What is the next step you can take this week to fight that idol?

Missional Living

Pray over your missional prayer list together.

PRAYER

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WEEK 12

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Write down your observations of the passage. (*Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, related, compared, contrasted, and/or true to life.*)

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Dig deeper with your answers by asking who, what, where, when, why and how questions and looking at cross references and study notes to help you answer those questions.

The character and nature of God?

The character and nature of mankind?

The person and work of Jesus?

Apply the passage. Consider how you should apply this passage through the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the following questions:

Are there sins to avoid?

Are there promises to claim?

Are there examples to follow?

Are there commands to keep?

Pray through passage with the following format:

Find something in the passage to *praise* and *thank* God for.

Find something in the passage to *confess* to God.

Find something in the passage to *ask* God for.

Group Discussion: Use these questions to discuss your personal study with your group.

1. What interested, challenged and/or comforted you in your study of this passage?
2. Do you have any unanswered questions from your study of this passage to ask the group?
3. How does this passage impact or change the way you see your life?
4. What is one way you can apply this passage this week?

End your discussion time in prayer based on your passage, having one person praising and thanking God, one person confessing and one person asking.

EQUIPPING

Read Chapter 4 of *Counterfeit Gods*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. What are your unanswered prayers and frustrated hopes? How are you responding to them?
2. How might this reveal a root idol (power, approval, comfort, control)?
3. What is the gospel? How is the beauty of Christ displayed in the gospel better than the beauty you are looking for in your idol?
4. What is the next step you can take this week to fight that idol?

Missional Living

How have you prayed for, evangelized and/or intentionally built relationships with non-Christians this month?

PRAYER

Pray for one another.

WEEK 13

SCRIPTURE

Memory Verse: _____ Study Passage: _____

Personal Study: Use the R.E.A.P. Study Guide to help you study this passage, then use the Group Discussion questions in group.

Read the passage. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to receive and obey God's Word.

Write down your observations of the passage. (*Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, related, compared, contrasted, and/or true to life.*)

Examine the passage. What does this passage teach you about...

Dig deeper with your answers by asking who, what, where, when, why and how questions and looking at cross references and study notes to help you answer those questions.

The character and nature of God?

The character and nature of mankind?

The person and work of Jesus?

Apply the passage. Consider how you should apply this passage through the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the following questions:

Are there sins to avoid?

Are there promises to claim?

Are there examples to follow?

Are there commands to keep?

Pray through passage with the following format:

Find something in the passage to *praise* and *thank* God for.

Find something in the passage to *confess* to God.

Find something in the passage to *ask* God for.

Group Discussion: Use these questions to discuss your personal study with your group.

1. What interested, challenged and/or comforted you in your study of this passage?
2. Do you have any unanswered questions from your study of this passage to ask the group?
3. How does this passage impact or change the way you see your life?
4. What is one way you can apply this passage this week?

End your discussion time in prayer based on your passage, having one person praising and thanking God, one person confessing and one person asking.

EQUIPPING

Read Chapter 5 of *Counterfeit Gods*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. What are your uncontrollable emotions?
2. How might this reveal a root idol (power, approval, comfort, control)?
3. What is the gospel? How is the beauty of Christ displayed in the gospel better than the beauty you are looking for in your idol?
4. What is the next step you can take this week to fight that idol?

Missional Living

Download the *Life Conversation Guide* App from the North American Mission Board. Have one person from your group practice sharing the '3 Circles' with your group.

PRAYER

Pray for one another.

WEEK 14

SCRIPTURE

Memory Verse: _____ Study Passage: _____

Personal Study: Use the R.E.A.P. Study Guide to help you study this passage, then use the Group Discussion questions in group.

Read the passage. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to receive and obey God's Word.

Write down your observations of the passage. (*Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, related, compared, contrasted, and/or true to life.*)

Examine the passage. What does this passage teach you about...

Dig deeper with your answers by asking who, what, where, when, why and how questions and looking at cross references and study notes to help you answer those questions.

The character and nature of God?

The character and nature of mankind?

The person and work of Jesus?

Apply the passage. Consider how you should apply this passage through the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the following questions:

Are there sins to avoid?

Are there promises to claim?

Are there examples to follow?

Are there commands to keep?

Pray through passage with the following format:

Find something in the passage to *praise* and *thank* God for.

Find something in the passage to *confess* to God.

Find something in the passage to *ask* God for.

Group Discussion: Use these questions to discuss your personal study with your group.

1. What interested, challenged and/or comforted you in your study of this passage?
2. Do you have any unanswered questions from your study of this passage to ask the group?
3. How does this passage impact or change the way you see your life?
4. What is one way you can apply this passage this week?

End your discussion time in prayer based on your passage, having one person praising and thanking God, one person confessing and one person asking.

EQUIPPING

Read Chapter 6, 7 and the Epilogue of *Counterfeit Gods*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. What is a struggle you have experienced recently?
2. How might this struggle reveal a lie you are believing about God or about yourself?
3. What is the gospel? How does the truth of the gospel replace the lie you are believing?
4. How can you apply the truth of the gospel when you believe that lie this week?

Missional Living

How have you prayed for, evangelized and/or intentionally built relationships with non-Christians this month?

PRAYER

Pray for one another.

WEEK 15

PRAYER

This week, we will pause and pray with one another. Use this as a guide to help you structure a meaningful time of prayer as a group.

GOSPEL

Look back at the **SCRIPTURE AND EQUIPPING** sections from the past several weeks. Jot down truths you have learned about God from the Scripture you've studied and memorized and the book you've read. In your group time, spend time praising and thanking God for these truths, confessing to God sin you learned about yourself and asking for His help to grow in these truths.

COMMUNITY

Share how others in the group can be praying for you personally. Then, spend time praying for one another.

MISSION

Jot down the names of those on your missional prayer list below. Pray for them by name.

UNIT 2

SCRIPTURE MEMORY PLAN

Week 1 Memory Verse: _____

Week 2 Memory Verse: _____

Week 3 Memory Verse: _____

Week 4 Memory Verse: _____

Week 5 Memory Verse: _____

Week 6 Memory Verse: _____

Week 7 Memory Verse: _____

Week 8 Prayer Time

Week 9 Memory Verse: _____

Week 10 Memory Verse: _____

Week 11 Memory Verse: _____

Week 12 Memory Verse: _____

Week 13 Memory Verse: _____

Week 14 Memory Verse: _____

Week 15 Prayer Time

SCRIPTURE STUDY PLAN

Week 1 Study Passage: _____

Week 2 Study Passage: _____

Week 3 Study Passage: _____

Week 4 Study Passage: _____

Week 5 Study Passage: _____

Week 6 Study Passage: _____

Week 7 Study Passage: _____

Week 8 Prayer Time

Week 9 Study Passage: _____

Week 10 Study Passage: _____

Week 11 Study Passage: _____

Week 12 Study Passage: _____

Week 13 Study Passage: _____

Week 14 Study Passage: _____

Week 15 Prayer Time

WEEK 1

SCRIPTURE

Memory Verse: _____ **Study Passage:** _____

Personal Study: Use the R.E.A.P. Study Guide to help you study this passage, then use the Group Discussion questions in group.

Read the passage. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to receive and obey God's Word.

Write down your observations of the passage. (*Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, related, compared, contrasted, and/or true to life.*)

Examine the passage. What does this passage teach you about...

Dig deeper with your answers by asking who, what, where, when, why and how questions and looking at cross references and study notes to help you answer those questions.

The character and nature of God?

The character and nature of mankind?

The person and work of Jesus?

Apply the passage. Consider how you should apply this passage through the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the following questions:

Are there sins to avoid?

Are there promises to claim?

Are there examples to follow?

Are there commands to keep?

Pray through passage with the following format:

Find something in the passage to *praise* and *thank* God for.

Find something in the passage to *confess* to God.

Find something in the passage to *ask* God for.

Group Discussion: Use these questions to discuss your personal study with your group.

1. What interested, challenged and/or comforted you in your study of this passage?
2. Do you have any unanswered questions from your study of this passage to ask the group?
3. How does this passage impact or change the way you see your life?
4. What is one way you can apply this passage this week?

End your discussion time in prayer based on your passage, having one person praising and thanking God, one person confessing and one person asking.

EQUIPPING

Read chapter 1 of *The Pleasures of God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. What is a struggle you have experienced recently?
2. How might this struggle reveal a lie you are believing about God or about yourself?
3. What is the gospel? How does the truth of the gospel replace the lie you are believing?
4. How can you apply the truth of the gospel when you believe that lie this week?

Missional Living

Pray over your missional prayer list together.

PRAYER

Pray for one another.

WEEK 2

SCRIPTURE

Memory Verse: _____ Study Passage: _____

Personal Study: Use the R.E.A.P. Study Guide to help you study this passage, then use the Group Discussion questions in group.

Read the passage. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to receive and obey God's Word.

Write down your observations of the passage. (*Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, related, compared, contrasted, and/or true to life.*)

Examine the passage. What does this passage teach you about...

Dig deeper with your answers by asking who, what, where, when, why and how questions and looking at cross references and study notes to help you answer those questions.

The character and nature of God?

The character and nature of mankind?

The person and work of Jesus?

Apply the passage. Consider how you should apply this passage through the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the following questions:

Are there sins to avoid?

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Are there examples to follow?

Are there commands to keep?

Pray through passage with the following format:

Find something in the passage to *praise* and *thank* God for.

Find something in the passage to *confess* to God.

Find something in the passage to *ask* God for.

Group Discussion: Use these questions to discuss your personal study with your group.

1. What interested, challenged and/or comforted you in your study of this passage?
2. Do you have any unanswered questions from your study of this passage to ask the group?
3. How does this passage impact or change the way you see your life?
4. What is one way you can apply this passage this week?

End your discussion time in prayer based on your passage, having one person praising and thanking God, one person confessing and one person asking.

EQUIPPING

Read chapter 2 of *The Pleasures of God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. What have you worried about recently?
2. How might this reveal a root idol (power, approval, comfort, control)?
3. What is the gospel? How is the beauty of Christ displayed in the gospel better than the beauty you are looking for in your idol?
4. What is the next step you can take this week to fight that idol?

Missional Living

How have you prayed for, evangelized and/or intentionally built relationships with non-Christians this month?

PRAYER

Pray for one another.

WEEK 3

SCRIPTURE

Memory Verse: _____ Study Passage: _____

Personal Study: Use the R.E.A.P. Study Guide to help you study this passage, then use the Group Discussion questions in group.

Read the passage. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to receive and obey God's Word.

Write down your observations of the passage. (*Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, related, compared, contrasted, and/or true to life.*)

Examine the passage. What does this passage teach you about...

Dig deeper with your answers by asking who, what, where, when, why and how questions and looking at cross references and study notes to help you answer those questions.

The character and nature of God?

The character and nature of mankind?

The person and work of Jesus?

Apply the passage. Consider how you should apply this passage through the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the following questions:

Are there sins to avoid?

Are there promises to claim?

Are there examples to follow?

Are there commands to keep?

Pray through passage with the following format:

Find something in the passage to *praise* and *thank* God for.

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Find something in the passage to *ask* God for.

Group Discussion: Use these questions to discuss your personal study with your group.

1. What interested, challenged and/or comforted you in your study of this passage?
2. Do you have any unanswered questions from your study of this passage to ask the group?
3. How does this passage impact or change the way you see your life?
4. What is one way you can apply this passage this week?

End your discussion time in prayer based on your passage, having one person praising and thanking God, one person confessing and one person asking.

EQUIPPING

Read chapter 3 of *The Pleasures of God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. What consumes your daydreams (i.e. what do you find yourself thinking about/wishing for)?
2. How might this reveal a root idol (power, approval, comfort, control)?
3. What is the gospel? How is the beauty of Christ displayed in the gospel better than the beauty you are looking for in your idol?
4. What is the next step you can take this week to fight that idol?

Missional Living

Download the *Life Conversation Guide* App from the North American Mission Board. Have one person from your group practice sharing the '3 Circles' with your group.

PRAYER

Pray for one another.

WEEK 4

SCRIPTURE

Memory Verse: _____ Study Passage: _____

Personal Study: Use the R.E.A.P. Study Guide to help you study this passage, then use the Group Discussion questions in group.

Read the passage. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to receive and obey God's Word.

Write down your observations of the passage. (*Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, related, compared, contrasted, and/or true to life.*)

Examine the passage. What does this passage teach you about...

Dig deeper with your answers by asking who, what, where, when, why and how questions and looking at cross references and study notes to help you answer those questions.

The character and nature of God?

The character and nature of mankind?

The person and work of Jesus?

Apply the passage. Consider how you should apply this passage through the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the following questions:

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Pray through passage with the following format:

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Find something in the passage to *ask* God for.

Group Discussion: Use these questions to discuss your personal study with your group.

1. What interested, challenged and/or comforted you in your study of this passage?
2. Do you have any unanswered questions from your study of this passage to ask the group?
3. How does this passage impact or change the way you see your life?
4. What is one way you can apply this passage this week?

End your discussion time in prayer based on your passage, having one person praising and thanking God, one person confessing and one person asking.

EQUIPPING

Read chapter 4 of *The Pleasures of God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. Where has your money most naturally flowed to in the past month?
2. How might this reveal a root idol (power, approval, comfort, control)?
3. What is the gospel? How is the beauty of Christ displayed in the gospel better than the beauty you are looking for in your idol?
4. What is the next step you can take this week to fight that idol?

Missional Living

Pray over your missional prayer list together.

PRAYER

Pray for one another.

WEEK 5

SCRIPTURE

Memory Verse: _____ Study Passage: _____

Personal Study: Use the R.E.A.P. Study Guide to help you study this passage, then use the Group Discussion questions in group.

Read the passage. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to receive and obey God's Word.

Write down your observations of the passage. (*Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, related, compared, contrasted, and/or true to life.*)

Examine the passage. What does this passage teach you about...

Dig deeper with your answers by asking who, what, where, when, why and how questions and looking at cross references and study notes to help you answer those questions.

The character and nature of God?

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Apply the passage. Consider how you should apply this passage through the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the following questions:

Are there sins to avoid?

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Are there commands to keep?

Pray through passage with the following format:

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Group Discussion: Use these questions to discuss your personal study with your group.

1. What interested, challenged and/or comforted you in your study of this passage?
2. Do you have any unanswered questions from your study of this passage to ask the group?
3. How does this passage impact or change the way you see your life?
4. What is one way you can apply this passage this week?

End your discussion time in prayer based on your passage, having one person praising and thanking God, one person confessing and one person asking.

EQUIPPING

Read chapter 5 (part 1, through the section called “To the Glory of His Grace”) of *The Pleasures of God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. What are your unanswered prayers and frustrated hopes? How are you responding to them?
2. How might this reveal a root idol (power, approval, comfort, control)?
3. What is the gospel? How is the beauty of Christ displayed in the gospel better than the beauty you are looking for in your idol?
4. What is the next step you can take this week to fight that idol?

Missional Living

How have you prayed for, evangelized and/or intentionally built relationships with non-Christians this month?

PRAYER

Pray for one another.

WEEK 6

SCRIPTURE

Memory Verse: _____ Study Passage: _____

Personal Study: Use the R.E.A.P. Study Guide to help you study this passage, then use the Group Discussion questions in group.

Read the passage. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to receive and obey God's Word.

Write down your observations of the passage. (*Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, related, compared, contrasted, and/or true to life.*)

Examine the passage. What does this passage teach you about...

Dig deeper with your answers by asking who, what, where, when, why and how questions and looking at cross references and study notes to help you answer those questions.

The character and nature of God?

The character and nature of mankind?

The person and work of Jesus?

Apply the passage. Consider how you should apply this passage through the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the following questions:

Are there sins to avoid?

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Are there commands to keep?

Pray through passage with the following format:

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Find something in the passage to *ask* God for.

Group Discussion: Use these questions to discuss your personal study with your group.

1. What interested, challenged and/or comforted you in your study of this passage?
2. Do you have any unanswered questions from your study of this passage to ask the group?
3. How does this passage impact or change the way you see your life?
4. What is one way you can apply this passage this week?

End your discussion time in prayer based on your passage, having one person praising and thanking God, one person confessing and one person asking.

EQUIPPING

Read chapter 5 part 2 of *The Pleasures of God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. What are your uncontrollable emotions?
2. How might this reveal a root idol (power, approval, comfort, control)?
3. What is the gospel? How is the beauty of Christ displayed in the gospel better than the beauty you are looking for in your idol?
4. What is the next step you can take this week to fight that idol?

Missional Living

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PRAYER

Pray for one another.

WEEK 7

SCRIPTURE

Memory Verse: _____ Study Passage: _____

Personal Study: Use the R.E.A.P. Study Guide to help you study this passage, then use the Group Discussion questions in group.

Read the passage. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to receive and obey God's Word.

Write down your observations of the passage. (*Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, related, compared, contrasted, and/or true to life.*)

Examine the passage. What does this passage teach you about...

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Group Discussion: Use these questions to discuss your personal study with your group.

1. What interested, challenged and/or comforted you in your study of this passage?
2. Do you have any unanswered questions from your study of this passage to ask the group?
3. How does this passage impact or change the way you see your life?
4. What is one way you can apply this passage this week?

End your discussion time in prayer based on your passage, having one person praising and thanking God, one person confessing and one person asking.

EQUIPPING

Read chapter 6 of *The Pleasures of God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. What is a struggle you have experienced recently?
2. How might this struggle reveal a lie you are believing about God or about yourself?
3. What is the gospel? How does the truth of the gospel replace the lie you are believing?
4. How can you apply the truth of the gospel when you believe that lie this week?

Missional Living

How have you prayed for, evangelized and/or intentionally built relationships with non-Christians this month?

PRAYER

Pray for one another.

WEEK 8

PRAYER

This week, we will pause and pray with one another. Use this as a guide to help you structure a meaningful time of prayer as a group.

GOSPEL

Look back at the **SCRIPTURE AND EQUIPPING** sections from the past several weeks. Jot down truths you have learned about God from the Scripture you've studied and memorized and the book you've read. In your group time, spend time praising and thanking God for these truths, confessing to God sin you learned about yourself and asking for His help to grow in these truths.

COMMUNITY

Share how others in the group can be praying for you personally. Then, spend time praying for one another.

MISSION

Jot down the names of those on your missional prayer list below. Pray for them by name.

WEEK 9

SCRIPTURE

Memory Verse: _____ Study Passage: _____

Personal Study: Use the R.E.A.P. Study Guide to help you study this passage, then use the Group Discussion questions in group.

Read the passage. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to receive and obey God's Word.

Write down your observations of the passage. (*Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, related, compared, contrasted, and/or true to life.*)

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Find something in the passage to *ask* God for.

Group Discussion: Use these questions to discuss your personal study with your group.

1. What interested, challenged and/or comforted you in your study of this passage?
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3. How does this passage impact or change the way you see your life?
4. What is one way you can apply this passage this week?

End your discussion time in prayer based on your passage, having one person praising and thanking God, one person confessing and one person asking.

EQUIPPING

Read chapter 7 of *The Pleasures of God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. What have you worried about recently?
2. How might this reveal a root idol (power, approval, comfort, control)?
3. What is the gospel? How is the beauty of Christ displayed in the gospel better than the beauty you are looking for in your idol?
4. What is the next step you can take this week to fight that idol?

Missional Living

How have you prayed for, evangelized and/or intentionally built relationships with non-Christians this month?

PRAYER

Pray for one another.

WEEK 10

SCRIPTURE

Memory Verse: _____ Study Passage: _____

Personal Study: Use the R.E.A.P. Study Guide to help you study this passage, then use the Group Discussion questions in group.

Read the passage. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to receive and obey God's Word.

Write down your observations of the passage. (*Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, related, compared, contrasted, and/or true to life.*)

Examine the passage. What does this passage teach you about...

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The character and nature of mankind?

The person and work of Jesus?

Apply the passage. Consider how you should apply this passage through the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the following questions:

Are there sins to avoid?

Are there promises to claim?

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Pray through passage with the following format:

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Group Discussion: Use these questions to discuss your personal study with your group.

1. What interested, challenged and/or comforted you in your study of this passage?
2. Do you have any unanswered questions from your study of this passage to ask the group?
3. How does this passage impact or change the way you see your life?
4. What is one way you can apply this passage this week?

End your discussion time in prayer based on your passage, having one person praising and thanking God, one person confessing and one person asking.

EQUIPPING

Read chapter 8 of *The Pleasures of God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. What consumes your daydreams (i.e. what do you find yourself thinking about/wishing for)?
2. How might this reveal a root idol (power, approval, comfort, control)?
3. What is the gospel? How is the beauty of Christ displayed in the gospel better than the beauty you are looking for in your idol?
4. What is the next step you can take this week to fight that idol?

Missional Living

Download the *Life Conversation Guide* App from the North American Mission Board. Have one person from your group practice sharing the '3 Circles' with your group.

PRAYER

Pray for one another.

WEEK 11

SCRIPTURE

Memory Verse: _____ Study Passage: _____

Personal Study: Use the R.E.A.P. Study Guide to help you study this passage, then use the Group Discussion questions in group.

Read the passage. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart to receive and obey God's Word.

Write down your observations of the passage. (*Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, related, compared, contrasted, and/or true to life.*)

Examine the passage. What does this passage teach you about...

Dig deeper with your answers by asking who, what, where, when, why and how questions and looking at cross references and study notes to help you answer those questions.

The character and nature of God?

The character and nature of mankind?

The person and work of Jesus?

Apply the passage. Consider how you should apply this passage through the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the following questions:

Are there sins to avoid?

Are there promises to claim?

Are there examples to follow?

Are there commands to keep?

Pray through passage with the following format:

Find something in the passage to *praise* and *thank* God for.

Find something in the passage to *confess* to God.

Find something in the passage to *ask* God for.

Group Discussion: Use these questions to discuss your personal study with your group.

1. What interested, challenged and/or comforted you in your study of this passage?
2. Do you have any unanswered questions from your study of this passage to ask the group?
3. How does this passage impact or change the way you see your life?
4. What is one way you can apply this passage this week?

End your discussion time in prayer based on your passage, having one person praising and thanking God, one person confessing and one person asking.

EQUIPPING

Read chapter 9 of *The Pleasures of God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. Where has your money most naturally flowed to in the past month?
2. How might this reveal a root idol (power, approval, comfort, control)?
3. What is the gospel? How is the beauty of Christ displayed in the gospel better than the beauty you are looking for in your idol?
4. What is the next step you can take this week to fight that idol?

Missional Living

Pray over your missional prayer list together.

PRAYER

Pray for one another.

WEEK 12

SCRIPTURE

Memory Verse: _____ Study Passage: _____

Personal Study: Use the R.E.A.P. Study Guide to help you study this passage, then use the Group Discussion questions in group.

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1. What interested, challenged and/or comforted you in your study of this passage?
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3. How does this passage impact or change the way you see your life?
4. What is one way you can apply this passage this week?

End your discussion time in prayer based on your passage, having one person praising and thanking God, one person confessing and one person asking.

EQUIPPING

Read chapter 10 of *The Pleasures of God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. What are your unanswered prayers and frustrated hopes? How are you responding to them?
2. How might this reveal a root idol (power, approval, comfort, control)?
3. What is the gospel? How is the beauty of Christ displayed in the gospel better than the beauty you are looking for in your idol?
4. What is the next step you can take this week to fight that idol?

Missional Living

How have you prayed for, evangelized and/or intentionally built relationships with non-Christians this month?

PRAYER

Pray for one another.

WEEK 13

SCRIPTURE

Memory Verse: _____ Study Passage: _____

Personal Study: Use the R.E.A.P. Study Guide to help you study this passage, then use the Group Discussion questions in group.

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1. What interested, challenged and/or comforted you in your study of this passage?
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3. How does this passage impact or change the way you see your life?
4. What is one way you can apply this passage this week?

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EQUIPPING

Read the epilogue of *The Pleasures of God*. Discuss what most impacted you from this reading. Feel free to jot down some notes here.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. What are your uncontrollable emotions?
2. How might this reveal a root idol (power, approval, comfort, control)?
3. What is the gospel? How is the beauty of Christ displayed in the gospel better than the beauty you are looking for in your idol?
4. What is the next step you can take this week to fight that idol?

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PRAYER

Pray for one another.

WEEK 14

SCRIPTURE

Memory Verse: _____ Study Passage: _____

Personal Study: Use the R.E.A.P. Study Guide to help you study this passage, then use the Group Discussion questions in group.

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EQUIPPING

Discuss *The Pleasures of God* as a whole. How did this book change your thinking, warm your heart and change your Christian life?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Personal Worship

How regular have you been in your daily time of personal worship this week? How has God comforted or challenged you through His Word?

Fruit To Root

1. What is a struggle you have experienced recently?
2. How might this struggle reveal a lie you are believing about God or about yourself?
3. What is the gospel? How does the truth of the gospel replace the lie you are believing?
4. How can you apply the truth of the gospel when you believe that lie this week?

Missional Living

How have you prayed for, evangelized and/or intentionally built relationships with non-Christians this month?

PRAYER

Pray for one another.

WEEK 15

PRAYER

This week, we will pause and pray with one another. Use this as a guide to help you structure a meaningful time of prayer as a group.

GOSPEL

Look back at the **SCRIPTURE AND EQUIPPING** sections from the past several weeks. Jot down truths you have learned about God from the Scripture you've studied and memorized and the book you've read. In your group time, spend time praising and thanking God for these truths, confessing to God sin you learned about yourself and asking for His help to grow in these truths.

COMMUNITY

Share how others in the group can be praying for you personally. Then, spend time praying for one another.

MISSION

Jot down the names of those on your missional prayer list below. Pray for them by name.

SUMMER READING

Habits of Grace by David Mathis

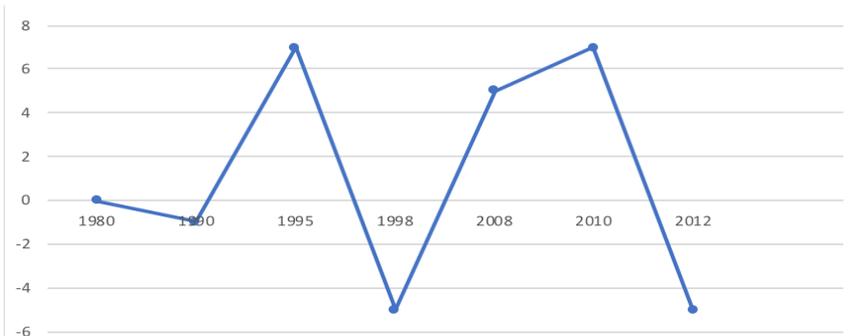
APPENDIX

SHARING YOUR LIFE STORY

One of the best ways to start off a Discipleship Group in the right way is to share your life story. This also happens to be one of the scariest ways to start a group for some people. We wonder, “How much should I share? What will they think of me if I share ___? What if everyone else in the group has a clean past?” These are normal fears. But here is the reality – 100% of the people in your group are sinners. They have fallen short of God’s glory and have plenty of things in their past and present that might be shameful. But the blood of Christ forgives and cleanses. The gospel removes shame because Jesus took our shame. Our sins are forgiven and we are declared sons and daughters of God through Christ. Our failures are no longer a point of shame, they are a way to give glory to God. And our successes are no longer a point of pride, they are a way of giving glory to God. It is likely that other people will be helped by hearing how God was with you through the ups and downs of life. But this only happens if you really share your whole story.

Your Life Story should take about 10-15 minutes to share. Before you show up at group, you should create a graph of your life story. Make the horizontal axis either the date or the age you were at the event. Have the vertical axis be how life was going (the ups and downs). Then, have specific points on the graph be important events in your life. Label these points (i.e. Summer Camp, salvation, marriage, etc.). After the person shares, give the group time to ask clarifying questions about the person’s story. Then, encourage them with how you see God at work in their life. Finally, gather around the person, lay hands on him or her and thank God for the work He has done in this person’s life.

Here’s an example of what one might look like:



MY LIFE STORY

MISSIONAL PRAYER LIST

One of the weekly rhythms we want to develop in Discipleship Groups is prayer for the people God has placed in our lives who do not know Christ. First, we will discuss who to pray for and then we will discuss how to pray for them.

WHO TO PRAY FOR

You can probably break your life down into three categories:

1. Live (neighbors)
2. Work (co-workers)
3. Play (family and friends)

Spend some time asking God to show you five people who are probably not Christians in each category. If you can't come up with five, that's ok. Write down who you can below.

Live:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Work:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Play:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

HOW TO PRAY

A great way to pray for non-Christians is to add what Alvin Reid calls the “threefold prayer” to your daily prayer time in the morning. The prayer is something like this, “God, give me opportunities to share the gospel today with people who do not know You. Give me wisdom to see those opportunities and give me boldness to take those opportunities.” Start with that each day. Then, also incorporate a way to pray through lost people by name. Maybe you don’t do everyone every day, maybe you pick a few people to rotate through each day to pray for. It is important to pray Scripture for these people. Here are a few you can use to help you pray for the lost people on your list.

1. Pray for God to draw them

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. John 6:44

Potential Prayer: Father, please draw Jim to yourself. I know he cannot come to You on his own.

2. Pray for God to open their eyes

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:4-6

Potential Prayer: Father, would you remove Satan’s blinding influence and shine light into Jim’s heart so that he will see Jesus as glorious?

3. Pray for them to know Jesus

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

Potential Prayer: Father, would Jim come to Christ so he can know you?

4. Pray for God to grant them a heart of repentance

God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will. 2 Timothy 2:25-26

Potential Prayer: God, would you grant Jim a heart of repentance?

5. Pray for God to open their heart

The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. Acts 16:14

Potential Prayer: God, would you open Jim's heart to believe in the gospel?

You may want to pray for your whole list every day and every Discipleship Group, or you may choose to break it up, praying for different people each day and only a few people in your Discipleship Group.

