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Home Group Study Guide

Community



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Getting Started

HOW TO USE THIS CURRICULUM

Welcome to our Home Group companion study for the teaching series *FORMED*. This series is about becoming a disciple, a person who is being formed into the image of Christ. The series is structured around Crosspoint's Five Marks of a Disciple (FMD).

This study is designed as a companion to Crosspoint's weekend teaching. It will help you to discuss and apply the content from the message. It also provides an option for you to dig deeper into the Word of God. You will find it uses the same core text from the sermon.

We encourage you to prayerfully read through this study before your meeting. Make changes as you see fit. You know your Home Group better than we do, so adjustments and alterations to the questions are inevitable. There is no perfect curriculum that perfectly matches every group's needs and journey.

We welcome and appreciate your feedback on this curriculum. We are a learning community and strive for continual improvement. We welcome change if it can help better serve others in their spiritual journeys. Be prepared to share your insights at the next Home Group leaders huddle, or email us.

A Basic Agenda

These are the basic elements in every Home Group meeting. You have the option of doing either the "message reflection" or the "deeper in the word" sections. You likely won't have time to do both, especially if your group likes to share. Remember, the goal of your group is to build transformed lives, not to keep an agenda. Pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is doing. If you need to change things up, go for it.

ICEBREAKER	Take ten minutes to reconnect and get to know each other.
MESSAGE DISCUSSION	Discuss the teaching from the Sunday message. Hopefully you've all seen it!
DEEPER IN THE WORD	Dig into the core Scripture passage from the weekend teaching.
REFLECTION	Talk about the meaning of the text and how it personally applies..
PRAYER	Set aside time to share needs and pray for group members.



I C E B R E A K E R

If your group doesn't know each other well, or if you've been apart for a while, an icebreaker is a great way to help them get reacquainted. Icebreakers also 'break the ice' and help people engage in conversation. When you share information about yourself with others, and they accept you for who you are, it helps to build trust. This trust leads to greater transparency and openness. If you want some great samples for icebreakers, check out this website: <https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/help-others-grow/leading-small-groups/small-group-icebreakers.html>

Message Discussion

QUESTIONS

THE ONE ANOTHERS:

Be devoted to One Another (Romans 12:10)

Accept One Another (Romans 15:7)

Care for One Another (1 Corinthians 12:25)

Bear burdens of One Another (Galatians 6:2)

Forgive One Another (Ephesians 4:32)

Encourage One Another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Spur on One Another (Hebrews 10:24)

Confess your sins to One Another (James 5:16)

Pray for One Another (James 5:16)

Serve One Another (1 Peter 4:10)

1. Are you for or against wearing shoulder pads?
2. How would you describe your spiritual maturity, using human life stages (infant, toddler, child, teenager, young adult, adult)? Why?
3. What is the danger or downside of putting people on pedestals?
4. What happens when we replace Jesus, as the foundation of community, with other people?
5. How would you respond to someone who idolizes a celebrity pastor that teaches things you disagree with?
6. How is your group doing at practicing the one anothers? Where would you like to see growth?

Core Text - Pt. 1

1 Corinthians 3 (ESV)

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, 3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? 4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor.

9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. 10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. 11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Core Text - Pt. 2

1 Corinthians 3 (ESV)

12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— 13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.



deeper

in the word

1. What issue do you think was causing the "jealousy and strife" (v.3) in the church in Corinth? See 1 Corinthians 1:10-17.
2. How is spiritual maturity linked to the way we treat others in the body of Christ (vv. 1-4)?
3. What does Paul mean when he says, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth" (v.6)? Is there a point he's trying to make?
4. Why does Paul warn the Corinthians, "let each one take care how he builds" (v. 10)? See verses 11-15. What does this say about every believer's responsibility to build community?
5. Why do you think Paul reminds the church, "no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (v.11)?
6. In verse 16, when Paul says, "YOU are God's temple," the word "you" is plural, not singular. This means that all believers TOGETHER are the Spirit's dwelling place (vv. 16-17). What are the implications of this reality for those who build up the body?

P R A Y E R

How you choose to set up your prayer time is up to your group. We hope that your group finds a way to track prayer requests and to celebrate when God answers prayer. We encourage you to not only pray for the sick, but to pray for the lost as well. We all have family members and friends who are far from God.

Often times, groups rush prayer because they run out of time. We recommend that you set an alarm so that you start praying thirty-minutes before your group ends. When your group members arrive, ask them what is the latest they can stay. Count backwards one-half-hour from that time.



THE FIVE MARKS

On your journey of transformation, it makes sense to start with the end in mind. That's why we've captured the Five Marks from the pages of Scripture. What is a disciple? The simple answer is that it's someone who is growing to become more and more like Jesus. Every Christ-follower is on a journey toward Christ-likeness. We are all being transformed to become more and more like him.



GROWTH

A disciple with GROWTH lives a surrendered life, under Christ's leadership. Surrender includes glad obedience and dependence. When our lives are surrendered, this will lead to transformation through the Spirit's power. This is the most important mark because without it, the other marks cannot flourish.



PURSUIT

A disciple with PURSUIT seeks to know Christ personally above all things. They seek him through personal spiritual practices like Bible reading and prayer. They also seek him publicly through worship with the body of Christ.





COMMUNITY

A disciple in COMMUNITY engages in intentional, deeper relationships with a small group of other disciples. This group shares transformational, loving, and transparent relationships as they seek to build each other up.



SERVICE

A disciple with SERVICE has a posture of service to others. They give of their time, treasure, and talents to build up the church and to help others in need.



MISSION

A disciple on MISSION joins with Jesus in his redemptive mission in the world. They courageously share the gospel, in both word and deed. This takes place in every part of their lives - where they live, work, and play.