

1. Get Acquainted: Discovery (10 minutes)

What desires of your heart carry you away?

2. Kingdom Centered Prayer: (10 Minutes)

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD for His profound and total goodness as the Giver of all good things. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that in Him is no darkness, that He cannot be tempted and He tempts no one.
2. How have you lived as if God is to blame for your sins? Confess your folly and pride to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you AND transform your desires to be in line with His eternally good desires.
3. Give thanks to Jesus that by dying for us, He paid for our crimes. Thank Him also that He gives us new birth to reverse the instinct to want to commit them.
4. Who do you know that lacks any equipment for an enduring fight against temptation or sinful desires? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes to their peril and their need for Jesus to change what they can't.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and goodness. Pray for His work to teach you the truth in Christ (vs. lies and temptations) and for His power daily to put desires to death and raise you to newness of life.

3. Worship: Worship God in Crisis Because We Know Him (10 minutes)

Read Psalm 107 out loud. There are 4 troubled groups, Group 1 vs 4 scarcity of food, Group 2 vs 10 Prison, Group 3 vs 17 Eating disorder, Group 4 vs 23 Success, each with the same response to their troubles. They cry to the Lord. Have the whole group read these verse in unison.

Vs 6, 13, 19, 28 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Vs 8, 15, 21, 31 Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love for his wondrous works to the children of men.

Praise God for His Steadfast Love.

4. Sermon Reflection: (10 Minutes)

James 1:13-18 (9-20-20: The Anatomy of Sin)

Intro: How widely accepted do you believe the concept of “sin” is today?

WE HAD A GOOD BEGINNING

Why do we believe that God is the Lord and Giver of all good things?

THE POWER OF WARPED DESIRE

How are we deceived and vulnerable to break with our Maker?

How have you been:

 Tempted - invited to cross the line

 Lured - deceived

 Enticed - encouraged to disbelieve God and believe yourself

How are your wants not just being tamed by Holy Spirit but being transformed?

ATONEMENT & TRANSFORMATION

How has Jesus redeemed us by His wisdom, love and power?

Bonus:

- Name the fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5:22-23
- Now try and name the Works of the Flesh from Galatians 5:19-21

5. Mission: Develop Your Passion of the Week (10 Minutes)

Carry Our Concerns for our Community, City, State, Nation and World to our Father in Heaven.

Read Daniel 9:3-19 confessing with Daniel our corporate sins seeking God to forgive and heal us and our country.

6. Jesus From Others – (10 Minutes)

Close your time together letting each person share something they came to love about Jesus from something someone in the group shared during your time together.