

Grace Point Church of Northwest Arkansas
Communitas Groups Discovery Bible Study
Week of October 15, 2017

FIRST THIRD: LOOK BACK

1. Care
 - Share any personal highlights or lowlights from the time since you last met.
 - Pray for one another in a way that works for your group (divide by gender or divide into groups of 2 or 3)
2. **Worship God together** in a simple and relevant way.

Ask for some volunteers to share their personal story of how they came to know Jesus Christ. (Some starter questions to get people think: Where were you when you realized you needed Christ? What events led up to your decision? How did Christ change your life?)

Take time to review last week's discussion and what the group talked about from **Mark 1:16-18**. Read the passage again if it would help. Ask questions for accountability.

- **Following:** (*We are wanting to move the Bible into action.*) How did you obey the lesson from last time? What was your big take away?
 - **Fishing** (*we are encouraging all group members to share what they learned in group study. They can have groups anywhere and everywhere. We can invite unbelievers into groups*): Did you pray with anyone who was in need? Did you share a Bible study, your story or Jesus' story? Did you mention what God is doing in your life?
3. Cast Vision
 - Take a few moments to cast vision for reaching people that don't have a relationship with Jesus and for making disciples.
 - Ask each person to identify one person they know – a neighbor, a co-worker, a family member – who does not follow Jesus. Share the first name of this person, write them down, and covenant to pray daily for those on the list.
 - Pray for people you know who are far from God. (*Identify an unreached people group from around the world at www.joshuaproject.net and take a few moments and educate them on this day's people group. They highlight a new people group every day.*)

SECOND THIRD: LOOK UP

5. Pre-ask the following questions about the story:
 - Listen for what the passage **teaches us about God** and/or Jesus
 - And for what it **teaches us about people**
6. **Read the new passage.** Assign this week's passage **John 4:1-42**
7. Read the passage again from a different translation.
8. Pre-ask the following questions about the story:
 - What does the passage **teach us about God** and/or Jesus?
 - What does it **teach us about people**?
 - What **questions** does this passage bring for you?
 - What does the text and the Holy Spirit **telling us to DO**?
9. Without looking at the text, have a volunteer to retell the passage in your own words, with others helping fill the gaps as needed.

Think SPACE:

- Is there a **Sin** to confess?
- Is there a **Promise** to claim?
- Is there an **Attitude** to change?

- Is there a **Command** to obey?
- Is there an **Example** to follow?

FINAL THIRD: LOOK FORWARD

Set personal goals and pray. Ask...

- what do you need to do this week to obey what you've learned?
- with whom could you share this passage, your story or the gospel story?