

Grace Point Church Communitas Groups
Discovery Bible Study
Week of October 1, 2017

FIRST THIRD: LOOK BACK

1. Care
 - Share any personal highlights or lowlights 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. Start your group differently this week: light candles, have music playing as people arrive, set a tone for quiet, silence, stillness, reflection –for “Selah.” “Selah” is a Hebrew word used 74 times in the Psalms. It’s meaning is to be unhurried, be silent, and reflect.

You might start by reading several of the scriptures in which it is used:

- Psalms 3:2, 4, 8
- Psalms 4:2, 4
- Psalms 24:6
- Psalms 32:4

Give your group time and space to reflect. Push out the world, turn off the noises. Last week we studied Luke 10:38-42. Ask, "**Who were you more like this past week, Mary or Martha?**"

Take time to review last week’s discussion and what you discussed from **Luke 10: 38-42**. Read the passage again if it would help. Ask questions for accountability.

- **Following:** (*Puttin the Bible into action.*) How did you obey the lesson from last time? What was the big takeaway?
 - **Fishing** (*Encourage 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’s story? Did you mention what God is doing in your life?
3. Cast Vision
 - Take a few moments to cast vision for reaching people who don’t have a relationship with Jesus or who need to be a disciple.
 - Ask each person to identify one person they know – a neighbor, a co-worker, a family member – who does not follow Jesus. Ask them to share the first name of that 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.*)

SECOND THIRD: LOOK UP

5. Before you read this week's passage, ask your group to:
 - Listen for what the passage **teaches us about God** and/or Jesus.
 - Listen for what it **teaches us about people**.
6. **Read John 13:1-17; 31-34.**
7. Read the passage again from a different translation.
8. Ask:
 - What does the passage **teach us about God** and/or Jesus?
 - What does it **teach us about people**?
 - What **questions** does this passage bring to mind?

- What do the text and the Holy Spirit **tell 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?