

Grace Point Church of Northwest Arkansas
Communitas Groups Discovery Bible Study
Week of October 22, 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 two or three).

2. Worship God together in a simple and relevant way.

Ask for some volunteers to share personally what God has showed them through their Intentional Discipleship Plans (www.GracePointChurch.net/IDP). After people have shared from their plans, take time to pray over specific elements that they shared.

Take time to review last week's discussion and what the group talked about from **John 4:1-42**.

Read the passage again if it would help. Ask questions for accountability.

- **Following:** (*Moving the Bible into action.*) How did you obey the lesson from last time? What was your big takeaway?
- **Fishing** (*Encouraging group members to share what they learned in group study as they form groups of believers and/or unbelievers anywhere and everywhere*):
 - Did you pray with someone 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 who 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 names of these people, 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 to educate your group on this day's people group.*

SECOND THIRD: LOOK UP

5. Before reading 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 Colossians 1:1-12**
7. Read the passage again from a different translation.
8. Ask your group:
 - 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 his or her own words, allowing 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?