

2012 - D12 Discussion Questions
TEACHING NOTES

Remember the key to our small groups is **Revelation** of who God is, **Relationship** with our fellow believers, and **Reproduction** so we can disciple

(This meant to stir discussion about the core values of your small group. You do not have to use all the scriptures and you can add some more, but they are meant to stir up discussion and cause people to think where your small group is and where it is going.)

Each group will emphasize the importance of God's Word.

(We always want our group to emphasis the word of God but the group is not necessarily a Bible study only because there are a lot of other things happening in each meeting.

Encourage everyone to have a definite reading plan and memorization plan. The word is life and health to all who find it, so encourage everyone to find it. We are family helping family prioritize the word of God.)

2 Timothy 2:15 study not just reading-pick a subject

2 Timothy 3:16, 17 every word inspired by the Lord

1 Corinthians 3:10, 11 the word is the foundation we are built on

Proverbs 4:20-22 shows my part of giving heed to the word of God

Psalms 119:92, 93 put light on darkness; preserved my life

Psalms 119:165 cause me to never stumble

Psalms 119:9-11 shows I can stay clean

Isaiah 40:8 the worlds order will perish but not the word

1 Kings 8:56 every word came about and it is the same for me

Hebrews 4:12 we are not reading the dead word addition but the living addition

Hebrews 6:12 receive promise through faith and patience

Numbers 23:19 do not compare the word of God with the word of man

Prayer is a central part of every gathering time:

(We communicate with everyone we love, so if we love God, we must communicate with him. Talk about asking and listening. I cannot talk all the time and expect that to be communication. I need to develop my listening ear so I can hear what the Lord is saying to me. He talks through his word and that still small voice. Talk about being persistent and not giving up when we are praying. Be sure people understand the difference between personal prayer and intercession. Spiritual Warfare is good to mention also since the devil does not want your prayers answered.)

Ephesians 6:12, 13 remember where we are struggling-give examples here

Matthew 7:7, 11 ask and receive good gifts

Matthew 18:19, 20 this is why we need prayer partners

Luke 18:1 we never give up but keep persevering

James 5:13 if we are in trouble tell the Lord about it

1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray continually-talk about how you do this command

Romans 8: 26, 27 the Holy Spirit is there to help when we do not know what to pray

Revelation 5:8 the Lord keeps our prayers so be sure you are giving him something to keep

Connecting with each other through truth:

(One of the big reasons that small groups are important is the need for relationships. However, relationships need to be founded on truth and the ability to speak the truth in love. We want to help each member to grow into the son and daughter of God that we were destined to be and that means being able to have others help us see areas in our lives that we can not see)

Ephesians 4:25 put off falsehoods- be courageous enough to be yourself

Ephesians 4:29 check your mouth and be sure you are speaking wholesome words

Ephesians 6:14 the belt of truth is what is holding everything up

Proverbs 12:17-19 speak truth

Proverbs 15:31, 32 I need to have a listening ear to truth

Proverbs 10:11 a fountain of life

Isaiah 50:4 I have an instructed tongue so I need to be sure the tongue is used wisely

Zechariah 8:16 speak the truth to each other to build us up

Leviticus 19:11 do not deceive; we do not say things to impress others about ourselves

We need to know and confess what the Lord says about us as we meet together.

(Take some time on this section and be sure people understand the whole idea of our positional place in the Lord. What the Lord says about us is the key. The scriptures in the epistles that emphasize who we are in Him are key scriptures. There are a few listed that hopefully give a picture. There are close to 140 that describe God's view of us. Encourage everyone to listen to our speech and help us say what the Lord says about us and not what we feel at the time or what our actions are producing. My thoughts and confession have to change before my actions will change)

2 Corinthians 5:16, 17 we must not walk in worldly point of view

Ephesians 1:4 choose us in him

Ephesians 1:7 in him is redemption

Ephesians 1:11 in him we were chosen

Ephesians 1:13 we are included in Christ

Ephesians 2:10 we are God's workmanship

Ephesians 3:12 in him we can approach the Lord is confidence

Ephesians 5:8 we are light in the Lord

Colossians 1:12 he has qualified us

Colossians 1:13, 14 received us and forgave us

Colossians 1:27 Christ is in us

We need to learn together how to live in the boundaries of God's truth and in the safety of those boundaries in our D12 group.

(Be sure you let everyone know that we all need boundaries. Every tribe that went into the promise land had boundaries. Paul says he was not an apostle to everyone but he was to the Corinthians. Acts 16 shows Paul was not allowed to go just anyplace he wanted to go but only where the Lord had set his boundaries. Our kids need boundaries and marriage partners need boundaries. Singles need boundaries with their time and relationships. We all need people who will check on us to be sure we are keeping our boundaries in proper order.)

Deuteronomy 28:1, 2 we must stay in the boundaries of the word of God

Proverbs 1:33 listen and be in safety

Job 36:11, 16 if I serve the Lord, there is a wide place to dwell

Numbers 33:51-56 clean out idols and dwell in your boundaries

Acts 2:40 save yourself – set boundaries

2 Thessalonians 3:6 don't associate with everyone

Ephesians 5:10, 11 What pleases the work and do not be involved with useless work

Some truths about boundaries:

Sowing and Reaping: Galatians 6:7, 8

(sow to the flesh then reap in the flesh-do not let people sow flesh into you)

Responsibilities: Titus 1:7-9

(shows the characteristic that you want to require around you, you are not for people to beat up but for people to build up. We all need to try to live with these qualities)

Respect: Matthew 7:12

(golden rule, keep emphasizing that is what you are doing and expect the other person to do that also)

Evaluation: The why of an action: 1 Peter 4:17

(judge action and be sure that is what you want to be around, we do not judge character but we must judge action. If a person is drunk I am not going to ride in the car with him driving but I am not going to call him a drunk)

Proactive: Galatians 5:13-15

(freedom is not a license to run over anyone, we determine the behavior we are going to allow around us)

Not weakness: Galatians 5:1

(we set boundaries so we will not fall back into bondage, I must realize my journey of development and be aware of weakness that are becoming strength. What is it going to take to help me grow so I can become more Christ-like)

Hearing truth from each other so we can be built up and grow in freedom.

(Similar to what we have already talked about but just wanted to emphasize the word spoken is the important thing. We do not need to hear opinions but we do need to hear the word. The word will be able to change my habits and cause my character to reflect Christ. If you feel you have covered this enough then you can skip this section)

John 8:31, 32 I must stay in the word if I am going to be free

1 Thessalonians 5:11 encourage one another; we all need to be encouraged

Romans 15:1, 2 the strong in each relationship must initiate action

1 Corinthians 4:2 when we are given trust we must be faithful

2 Corinthians 13:8-10 weak need help so we pray and build up

Ephesians 4:29-watch mouth

1 Samuel 2:29 confrontation

2 Samuel 12:7-9 Nathan confronted in truth

2 Chronicles 24:20 they were told they had forsaken the Lord

Ezra 10:10,11 Ezra confronted that they had not been faithful

Daniel 5:22 did not humbled yourself

Matthew 25:26 said he was a wicked and lazy scripture

Luke 19:13, 17 put to work and then investigated to be sure done right

Matthew 12:36 must give account

1 Peter 4:10-use gift to give

We need to reveal the truth of our pain so we can grieve and be healed.

(Members of the group need to be encouraged to share where their struggles are so prayer and accountability can happen. We need to cry with those who are crying and laugh with those who are laughing. Their needs to be a safety so people feel safe and if they do not feel safe then there needs to be discussion on why they do not feel safe.)

Romans 12:15 rejoice and mourn together

James 5:13-16 confesses sin

Mark 2:17 come and heal sick

2 Samuel 13:20-23 no action so stayed a desolate women

Luke 10:42 we must always select the better thing

1 Thessalonians 5:8-11 we need to speak where we are so others can help

Psalms 116:5, 6 need to speak out need

Psalms 51:3, 4 transgressions is always before me until I give it to the Lord

Luke 15:18 says to the father he had sinned

Job 34:32 other people can help me see

Mark 7:17-19 what am I putting into myself; others can hold me accountable

2 Timothy 2:20-26 am I becoming a vessel of honor and am I confronting in gentleness?

Open up honestly to each other so we can be healed.

(Put people in a small group of two or three and have them share honestly. The concept of the 3 that were always with Jesus is good for us to think about. After we spend time praying together, the relationship will allow members to share. The smaller the number the easier it is to share. Also be sure we are not always sharing problems but also praise reports. Testimonies of victory encourages all of us to hold fast and not give up on what we are praying about)

Ephesians 4:15, 16, 25 speak truth, must be whole, must not be in foolishness

1 Peter 5:8 be self controlled-admit when you are not self controlled and get prayer

Matthew 26:41 watch and pray-where am I weak

Acts 20:31 be on your guard-where is attack aimed?

1 Thessalonians 5:5, 6 do not act like world-wake up-where do I need to wake up

1 Corinthians 10:12 we can not become over confident we need others around us

Luke 11:1 we need to admit we need help

Acts 17:11 I need to search the scriptures

Matthew 13:36 the disciples asked for an explanation; do I ask for explanations?

Mark 9:28 why couldn't we cast out devils?