

Community Group Leader Guide

For the Week of 4.7.24

Sermon Series: Simple Faith

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Announcements:

We just finished our SERVE group project.. We'd love to see and celebrate your efforts as you and your groups step out to serve. Please share pictures of your projects in action on the c|Life page or your campus's Facebook pages. Your photos inspire others and showcase the wonderful impact we're making together in our community. Let's make these moments count and spread the joy of serving. Thank you for your enthusiasm and commitment to bringing positive change. Happy serving!

Icebreaker:

We're talking about sharing our faith today and lots of people rank that up there with one of the most intimidating parts of being a Christian... but it's really pretty simple! What is something that you could *effortlessly* talk about without needing any prompting? How did you get connected to / find interest in that?

-EXAMPLE: If you like like automobiles and know a lot about how to fix cars... how'd that come about?

Quick Review:

Rather than viewing faith as a complex and difficult concept, our series, "Simple Faith" has been all about getting back to the basics. Keep it.... Simple! The concluding week looked at the crucial yet often neglected role of evangelism within our faith.

Make It Personal:

1. Why do you think evangelism is often perceived as complicated, even though it's a fundamental aspect of Christianity?
- 2 . Discuss the concept of being responsible for certain individuals in our lives as our "assignments" for evangelism. Do you believe this is true for every Christian? Who would you consider to be your "assignment"?

3. What are some common misconceptions or fears you've encountered regarding evangelism, either personally or within your community?

Go Deeper:

1. Discuss the tension between feeling genuine love for others and feeling hesitant to share the Gospel due to fear or insecurity. How can Christians navigate this tension?

2. Reflecting on your own experiences and beliefs, what do you think is the most important aspect of evangelism for Christians today?

3. Read Matthew 28:19-20 together as a group. Note what commands are given and what the promise is at the end. What encouragement can you gather from this passage?

Action Steps:

1. **Write it down:** Who is your “person(s)” that you’re praying for and asking God to bring about salvation. Write it down and keep it as a reminder to continue to pursue them in love for the sake of the Gospel.

2. **Pray:** Salvation is the work of God so it has to start with him. Continue to pray for your lost friends and family members and ask that God would open their eyes to salvation.

3. **Share:** Finally, take some time to share your faith this week. Doesn’t have to be some polished presentation. Instead, aim for authenticity and trust that Jesus would be with you the way that he promised in Matthew 28:20.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the lost who have yet to come to Christ. Pray that God would uniquely burden them to pursue something greater than this world has to offer and that they would not harden their hearts.

2. Pray for our church that their hearts would be broken for people who do not know Jesus.

3. As a group, pray together for those who you sense that God has placed within your sphere of influence as a special “responsibility”. Pray that God would help you to make the most of any opportunity that presents itself to lead them towards Christ.

Feel free to use this guide to facilitate discussion in your community group. Modify the questions as you see fit.