

The Jesus Stuff

5. Shine Your Light

Table purpose statement (Share at the start or before the Discovery section):

This group exists for the purpose of discipleship. A disciple is someone who loves and obeys Jesus. (John 14:15) That means our focus is hearing from God and taking steps of faith. Our goal is to multiply another healthy Table. One day, some of you will lead a group like this!

Table Talk (1/3 of meeting)

- Icebreaker: When traveling, do you overpack or travel light?
- What are you thankful for? What's stressing you out?
- [Hi Neighbor](#) is our summer initiative to connect with the people God is calling us to invest in. How's that going? Share any challenges.
- Spend time in worship through song. Recommended: [Build My Life by Pat Barrett](#).

Discussion Guidelines

1. Everyone shares in sentences, not paragraphs.
2. Focus only on what this passage is saying. (This keeps everyone on the same page)
3. Share from your perspective – we won't argue or give advice.
4. Give everyone time to respond. Silence is OK.
5. The facilitator will facilitate discussion, not teach.

Discover what God is saying to you. (1/3 of meeting)

Big Idea: What God puts in you grows when you release it

Have someone pray before reading Mark 4:21-29

- What stands out to you?
- The first parable talks about our part (let your light shine), whereas the second talks about God's part (growing the seed). Why are both essential in discipleship?
- What's the problem with the idea of faith being "private?"
- Which part of faith is harder for you – having a spiritual conversation, or trusting God with the results? Share why.
- What does a visible faith look like in your workplace, neighborhood, or family?

Go do it. (1/3 of meeting)

- What can you do this week to let your light shine? Make an "I will" statement.
- What areas of darkness do you see around you? Take time to pray over these.
- Find conversation starters and other tools at table.org/hi.