

Hot Topics

3. Whose Side Are You On?

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: What is a team, brand, or celebrity that has your allegiance, and why?
- What are you thankful for? What's stressing you out?
- Where is God at work in your life?
- **Pray for the Empty Chair.** Place an empty chair in the circle and pray for God to use one of us to fill it with someone who needs to be here next week!

Discussion Guidelines:

1. Be deep but brief. Give everyone an opportunity to share.
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: Kingdom citizens live different because their King is different.

Ask someone to pray and invite the Holy Spirit for guidance.

Read Philippians 3:12-21.

- What is one word, phrase, or image that immediately stands out to you from this passage?
- Paul urges us to leave the past behind; what do you find hard to release?
- Paul said, "Their god is their appetite." What point is he trying to make?
- What "appetites" (e.g., comfort, control, approval, entertainment) threaten to become a "god" in your life?
- How does the way you react to stressful situations model Christ to others?
- Paul said, "Our conduct reveals our true citizenship." Name one thing you would like to change in your conduct to better reflect Jesus as your King?

Go do it. (1/3 of meeting)

- What is one step you can take this week to make that change?
 - Make an "I will" statement. We will follow up next week.
- How can you model Jesus to someone who doesn't know Him yet?
- Who can you invite to our Table? Pray for them.