

Pray for Three Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. If you could get tickets to any event anywhere in the world, what would you choose?
2. When did you first start attending Freedom Church and how did you find out about it?

Read the following passages: John 13:1-8; Luke 22:31-32; Romans 8:33-34; Colossians 4:12; 1 Peter 4:7-8.

Shortly before Jesus was crucified, he humbled himself and washed his disciples' feet. Peter was scandalized. But Jesus was modeling a new way of life for the church: a willingness to do whatever was necessary to help others experience the goodness and grace of God. One of the simplest ways we put this into practice is praying for others. All throughout the Scriptures, when something significant happens in the kingdom of God, we discover that somebody, somewhere has been praying. This is the motivation behind our fifth core practice of discipleship: Pray daily for three friends who are not yet following Jesus.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Read John 13:1-8, 12-17. Why do you think Peter was so opposed to the idea of Jesus washing his feet? What was Jesus teaching his disciples through this action? What might it look like to live as a "footwasher"?
2. Read Colossians 4:2-6. Why did Paul want prayer? Paul exhorts the Colossians to "be wise in the way you act toward outsiders." Are you being strategic with your time and relationships in order to help others come to know Christ? Explain. What might it look like for you to be more strategic with your friends, neighbors, or co-workers?
3. Can you explain the Gospel from a single verse or short passage of Scripture? Try it now using one of the following verses: Isaiah 53:6; John 3:16; Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Peter 3:18.
4. Can you explain how you began following Jesus in 2 minutes or less? Try it now.
5. When is the last time you invited somebody to a church service? What's the biggest obstacle you have in inviting someone to come to a church service with you? How can you overcome that obstacle?

6. Have you identified three local friends who are not yet following Jesus and for whom you can pray on a daily basis? If so, who are they?
7. Have you tried out the Bless app?

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