

Discussion Questions – Searching for Sundays

Open to All (Communion)

Instructions: A life group is a spiritual family. It is a time of mutual discussion, invitation, and growth together alongside the Holy Spirit. It's good to begin with prayer and 1-2 ice breaker questions to prime the pump and get to know one another. Then, after reading the Scriptures, **pick the questions that are of most interest to your group**. Make sure to conclude with a couple of application questions to live out our mission together. Finish with some time to care for one another and pray together.

Note: Feel free to conclude this small group time by taking communion together as a life group. I have included a sample script on the back.

Ice Breaker Question (pick 1-2 questions)

- 1. What does communion mean to you?
- 2. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
- 3. What is one thought or idea from Sunday's message that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped, or surprised you?

Read and discuss Luke 14:1-14

- 1. Have someone summarize this passage in their own words.
- 2. What stands out in this passage?
- 3. What does this passage say about God? Explain.
- 4. What does this passage say about people? Explain.
- 5. Read **<u>Revelation 7:9-10</u>**. How does this passage reflect God's Kingdom as Jesus presented it?

Application

- How can you specifically live out this passage in the next few days? (Each person create an 'I Will' statement)
- 2. How can you bless someone else as a result of this Scripture and discussion?
- 3. How can our group bless someone in response to this Scripture and discussion?
- 4. Will you take communion together as a group? (see back)

Pray Together



Communion

Communion is simply a time to remember. It can be a meal (tacos and pizza are my favorite) or just sharing bread and wine/juice. Decide together what you prefer. Here is a sample script if you're interested. Feel free to change or adapt this to fit your situation.

- 1. Prepare the meal or bread/wine and set in the middle of the group.
- 2. As a reminder, read or say something like this: "Celebrating communion is a time of remembrance, self-examination, and worship. We remember Jesus' sacrifice. And we remember his promise to always be with us."
- 3. Have a few different people read one or more of the following scriptures:
 - Philippians 2:5-11
 - Mark 15:21-27
 - Acts 2:42-47
- 4. Take a minute to be quiet before the Lord. Thank him for his sacrifice. Confess anything that does not look like Jesus.
- 5. Read Matthew 26:27-28

²⁶ As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body."

²⁷ And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, ²⁸ for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. –Matthew 26 (NLT)

- 6. Pray together thanking Jesus for his sacrifice.
- 7. Eat and drink