

Small Group Study

Inviting Friends to Follow Jesus

From the sermon series, "Making Disciples of Jesus"

AGENDA

- Allow people to arrive, talk, and snack – 15 min.
- Open in prayer – 30 sec.
- Thank everyone for coming. Go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer one of the icebreaker questions. – 15-20 min.
- Show DVD – 8 minutes
- Discussion – 30 minutes
- Prayer – 15-20 minutes
- Hang out and eat snacks – 15 minutes

DISCUSSION

Have volunteers read the following scripture:

Romans 10:1-15

1. What would you say is the general view in the world today about how a person can get to heaven?
2. According to verses 9-10, how is one saved?
3. How would the attitude of a person coming to God on the basis of his or her performance (v. 5) be different from that of someone coming to him by faith in Christ (vv. 8-9)?
4. How do the questions Paul asks in verses 14 and 15 challenge you?
5. What do you see as the basic difference between Christianity and other religions?
6. People today often move through stages on their spiritual journey toward Jesus. In the book, *"I Once Was Lost: What Postmodern Skeptics Taught Us About Their Path to Jesus,"* the authors interviewed many new Christians and identified five stages that people often move through before becoming followers of Jesus. People move...
 1. from distrust to trusting a Christian
 2. from complacency to curiosity about Jesus

Icebreakers

Use the questions below to help people open up and to focus your meeting. It is very helpful to go around in a circle with the leader going first. (Remember if you have new members or guests you should take time to introduce everyone.)



1. When you were a child, what did you do to earn an allowance or make money?
2. In elementary, middle, or high school, what was your hardest subject? What did you do to try to improve your grades?
3. What were some of the hard and fast rules observed in your house when you were growing up?

3. from being closed to being open to change
4. from meandering to actively seeking Jesus
5. from seeking Jesus to becoming a follower of Jesus

These stages can give us handles for where people are in their journey and what will most help them take the next step. Think of a person you know who doesn't follow Jesus yet. What stage do you think he or she might be at? What invitation might most help this person take the next step?

ACTION ITEMS

1. Continue to pray for the people on your list.
2. Serve in a service project this week (or soon).
3. Invite someone from question 6 (above) into your life (small group, Vineyard 101, church service, or some activity you can do together.)

PRAYER

Lift up prayer requests together as a group. Also pray for God to show you who you should be inviting into your life who may not know Jesus.

Blessings,
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