

10/22/17: Dialing It In Week Two -- Group Discussion Questions

Remember!! These are suggestions! Tailor this to the needs and personality of your Group...

Welcome & Intro: After welcoming, snacks, etc, choose one of these (great place for Apprenticing Leader!):

- High/Low: Have everyone share a high and a low from their week.
- Icebreaker: What is your favorite season of the year and why?

Announcements / Transition with Prayer

Discussion Intro:

- If your Group agreed to pray through the week for the persecuted church or for countries on the World Watch List - or any other engagement with the persecuted church, ask if anyone could share which country(ies) they prayed for and any takeaways they had.
- Now that your Group has had a few weeks to connect, you can introduce / reintroduce an Up / In / Out conversation for the beginning of your time together. These conversations take key elements of following Jesus - and move them out of Sundays and Group gatherings and into the rest of our lives. *How healthy and intentional has our relationship with God been (Up)? How healthy and intentional have our relationships been with our closest circles, including our Group (In)? Where are we creating space for gospel conversations in our week (Out)?* You can find some suggestions for these conversations at www.discochurch.com/groupcorner. For this first week, focus only on the "Up" question -- but let everyone know these will become a regular part of the Group time. Keep this conversation BRIEF. You are not looking for answers from everyone! And until your Group is practiced at this, be sure you're ready to be transparent as the Leader!

Discussion (*Remember: CHOOSE those that fit your Group! The point is NOT "getting through" the questions!*)

- What stood out to you from Jon's sermon? Or from anything else in the service?
- **Read Luke 8:1-15.** What are some things that stand out to you in these verses? What can you see about the character of God? About the character of people?
- What does the seed represent?
- How do you see these different types of soils playing out in the lives of people today? (*Leaders: this question is intended to help people engage without having to get too personal yet. Do NOT allow them to use it to point fingers at any person or group of people.*)
- Which soil do you feel like you most relate to right now? Why?
- Can you think of a season in your life when you were like one of the other soils? How did that play out?
- What are some specific ways that you have seen God planting His Word in your life?
- What did Jesus identify as the key actions of those whose lives ended up fruitful?
- What step can you take this week to better hear, retain & persevere in God's Word?

Application Step: *Consider committing to one of these steps this week as a Group*

- Challenge your Group Members to hear, retain & persevere in God's Word this week by committing to read the Bible each day. Some options to consider:
 - Jon's parables this month are all from the book of Luke. Read a chapter of Luke each day.
 - Connect with Erin Randle's Online Disco Group, where they are writing out brief passages of Scripture five days each week! See www.discochurch.com/groups for more info.

Prayer (*Break early enough from the discussion to give ample time*)

- Break into smaller groups to share requests and pray. Consider continuing to pray for the persecuted church in addition to your personal requests.