

11/12/17: Just Like Sam Wk 2-- Group Discussion Questions

Remember!! These are suggestions! Tailor this to the 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: Next week the holiday season starts with Thanksgiving. What do you find most challenging about the holidays? What do you most love?

Announcements / Transition with Prayer

Discussion Intro:

- Up / In / Out conversations take key elements of following Jesus - and move them out of Sundays and Group gatherings and into the rest of our lives. Now that you have introduced all three elements, invite your Group to share about how their Up or In or Out relationships have been this week. You can find some suggestions for these conversations at www.discochurch.com/groupcorner. **Keep this conversation BRIEF.** You are not looking for answers from everyone! The primary purpose is to remind people to pursue health & mission in all of these relationships

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

- Last week, Jon focused on the context of the story of the Good Samaritan - and Jesus' answer about how to inherit eternal life (**Luke 10:27**). Is there anything from the discussion or teaching last week that has stayed with you? How did you follow through on actions God called you to take?
- What stood out to you from Jon's sermon this week? Or from anything else in the service?
- **Read Luke 10:29-37** and then go back and reread **Luke 10:29-32**. What stands out to you in these verses?
- What are some of the reasons the priest and Levite might have given for bypassing the need? How could those reasons have seemed respectable or even wise?
- Have you ever had God call you to help someone - and you resisted? Would you be game to share about that? Why did you resist? How did it end?
- **Read James 4:17**. What does this tell us about indifference?
- What are some wrongs in our society or in our world that grow because of indifference?
- What are some ways we can address our own indifference? How could we support each other?

Break for smaller group Prayer:

- Have everyone take a moment for silent reflection on the group conversation. You may want to provide them with notecards for writing. Have them answer the question: *What does God most want me to take away from this conversation? And what action is God calling me to take?*
- Before sharing requests, give everyone opportunity to share their responses to that reflection in their smaller groups.
- Pray for each other's requests AND the actions to which God is calling them.
- This Sunday, you heard some things about believers living under persecution. Encourage your Group to pray specifically for persecuted believers. See <https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/world-watch-list/> for more information.