

1/14/18: Identity Week 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: What is one thing that you enjoy about January?

Announcements / Transition with Prayer

Discussion Intro:

- Invite your Group to share about how their Up or In or Out relationships have been while you've been apart. 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!*)

- *Looking Back:* The teaching series this month is on our Identity and last week was specifically addressing the question "Who am I"? 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?
- This week, Jon talked about our way out from the behaviors we get stuck in, and he also talked about our circles. What stood out to you from the sermon or from anything else during the service?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 and 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.** What stands out to you in these verses. What can you learn about God? About his plans? About yourself?
- One of Jon's key encouragements to everyone was to get in a Group. What are some of the ways that being part of this Group has had an impact on your life? (*Leaders: you may want to use a white pad or large pad to write down everyone's answers. This will encourage more answers - and may also give a greater sense to everyone of what the Group has meant.*)
- What is one way that you would like to grow this year? What would that look like in your relationship with God, with other and/or with yourself? How could our Group help you in that? (*Leaders: Give your Group plenty of time for this one.*)
- Who are some specific people in our church or in your life who could benefit from being part of this Group? (*Leaders: let people answer this one before adding the next...*) Since every person and every relationship is different, what would be the best way to extend an invitation to that person?
- Jon encouraged everyone to pick up the Foundations Bible Reading Plan. Is anyone in your Group using that Plan? What has stood out to you so far this week as you've read through it?

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.

**In preparation for next week's discussion, have everyone take the online Spiritual Gifts Test (Adult Version) at www.spiritualgiftstest.com sometime during this coming week. They can either print their results to bring to Group next week, or access them through their email.