

4/8/18: Faith & Justice Wk 1-- Group Discussion Questions

Group Leaders, this is a challenging - but excellent - week to transition back into Group discussions. Most of you haven't met for a bit, we lost Chad, we celebrated Easter, we moved into a significant series on Faith & Justice. That's a lot - so let your Group ease into things.

**Alternatively, if your Group never did watch the Foundations video where Star teaches about Eternity, you may be very blessed to do so this week...*

Opening:

- What's one thing that's been happening in your life since we met last?
- *Leaders: If people in your Group know Chad & Star, it may be appropriate to give your Group some time to share memories together about Chad and his family.*
- What kinds of opportunities for spiritual conversations or invitations did you have over Easter? How did those go? Was there anyone you were specifically praying for that you had a meaningful conversation with - or who came to Easter service?
- *Leaders: Depending on how that conversation goes, a great followup is - for those conversations or invitations, what is the best next step in those relationships now?*

A note: This week Jon launched into this discussion of Faith & Justice. It seems only appropriate that we engage these conversations deeply as one way of honoring Chad. Chad cared so much about living out this intersection of faith & justice - it shaped his family through foster adoption, it shaped his career as he worked to connect churches and others with the Rescue Mission. Chad would have so valued these discussions at Discovery. So let's embrace these conversations.

Discussion (*CHOOSE only those that fit your Group and your time!*)

- This week, Jon started the series with FAITH and reflected on the principles:
 - Faith changes me in spite of the challenges; Faith carries me all the way through consequences; Faith charges me to change circumstances
 - Have a different group member summarize what each of these principles means.
 - What stood out or was especially meaningful to you from the sermon?
- Jon gave many Scripture verses. Assign different members of your Group to look up and read aloud one of each of the following successively:
 - 1 Cor 1:18 - John 6:35 - John 7:37-38 - John 11:25 - John 20:31 - 2 Cor 5:17 - John 14:12 - 1 Cor 4:2
 - What are some things we see in these verses about Jesus? About God?
 - What are some things these verses show us about people?
 - What principle from these verses do you find most meaningful or challenging?
- If we are going to spend time this month on God's call to work justice - and to change circumstances - what are some reasons that we start by reflecting on faith?
- What is one area of your life in which God is currently growing your faith? What step can you take this week to press into that? If your faith continues to grow in that way, how could you see the people around you being impacted? How could this be a part of God bringing his justice to earth?

Break for smaller group Prayer