DiscipleGroup – Helping people find God and become mature followers of Jesus.

Week of February 24, 2019 The Question of Fasting

IMPORTANT NOTE for the Facilitator - During the week before the meeting contact all members of your group. If anyone was absent las week make sure they get a copy of the Guide for this week. **You also must complete a Guide.**

Make sure you check on your APPRENTICE each week. How is your apprentice doing?

Encourage your group to spend time on the scripture passage, **Luke 5:33-39**, and to respond to the questions from the Guide BEFORE the meeting time. Also encourage your group to find out what they can about the background of the passage. This week there is no new memory verse. Encourage the group to review all memory verses.

Open in Prayer and Welcome/Introductions

Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines (Confidentiality, Don't Rescue Don't Fix, No Crosstalk, Use Humor Responsibly, Give Everyone a Chance to Share, Use "I "Statements.)

DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS

- At the last gathering we looked at the calling of Levi/Matthew. Are there any more thoughts on that passage?
- How did your relational investments go this week? Where do you need help?

Go over the memory verses: Luke 4:8, 4:31-32, 4:43, 5:10b-11, 5:12-13, 5:24, 5:32.

Our passage for this week is Luke 5:33-39. What have you learned about the background or context of the passage?

Ask someone to read Luke 5:33-39. OPTION: You may ask someone to memorize the passage/story to share. If so, you can also ask the group to rebuild the story and then have someone read the passage.

Ask the group to share their responses to the following:

- How has God spoken to you this week through this passage?
- What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus or be a better disciple?
- Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? What did you do? What will you do this week?
- Ask if anyone would like to share their thoughts from the last question on the guide about things they need to change in their life.

Ask someone to summarize the passage. Ask people to share their favorite memory verse from the list. Encourage them to keep reviewing the verses.

Hand out Guides for next week's passage. Luke 6:1-11. Jesus and the Sabbath.

Close in Prayer.

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During the week prior to your group meeting, spend some time studying the assigned passage: Luke 5:33-39.

Read Luke chapters 1 through 5 again to help you understand the context for our focal passage. Do some research to try to understand the two illustrations Jesus uses in Luke 5:33-39. Bible.org is a good resource.

How has God spoken to you this week through Luke 5:33-39?

What needs to change in your life for you to look more like Jesus or be a better disciple?

Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? What did you do?

Review past verses. To give you time to review, no new verse has been assigned this week.

Is there something in your life that may be hindering you from growing in your faith? Pray over Luke 5:33-39 and ask the Father to reveal things to you that you need to change. Write your thoughts here:

Remember to take this guide with you to the group meeting.