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A 13-Week Journey

Sodality Discussion

For the Sodality Leader:

As the facilitator of the group you will only need to print one copy of the materials for you to lead the Sodality Group. You do not need to print and pass out copies to everyone. Here are a few things that we believe will help you as you lead.

Materials needed. You will need the internet or a DVD to show the Sodality Videos. Be prepared during the Small Group sessions to have blank paper and pens available for everyone. You will need these for some of the group exercises.

Lead from a position of authenticity. Your group does not need you to be the “Bible-Answer-Man” who can give long responses to every question that comes up. Instead they need you to share authentically what God is doing in your own heart. Share your struggles and your victories. People relate to leaders who are real. Try to encourage everyone to share.

When you ask a question, be willing to wait. Often people need time to think before they respond. Don't get uncomfortable with a little silence. Some people are hesitant to share in a group, so be sensitive to them. Often you can help the discussion flow by affirming those who speak, and then saying, “Does anyone else have something to add?”

It may seem counter-intuitive, but nothing builds the sense of belonging in a group faster than when the leader shares responsibility with other members. Plan on asking for volunteers to bring snacks, keep the prayer list, be the group communicator sending emails to everyone, check roll, or even facilitate the lesson.

Pray for each one in your group for God to move in their lives and for the Spirit of God to move throughout our church.

Week 1 (Week of February 9th)

Discuss at a Group:

- What would our community be like if God inspired hundreds of people to be evangelistic in their life?
- Why do you suppose being filled with the Spirit is a part of this evangelism training?
- What are some of things that you need to overcome in your personal life to practice evangelism?

Week 2 (Week of February 16th)

As a group read Acts 2:1-4, then discuss the following questions:

- Where do you see the Holy Spirit moving in this passage?
- Who is initiating evangelism?
- Why is the study of the Holy Spirit important to evangelism?
- Practice with a Partner:
- With a partner pray for God to work in your life.

Week 3 (Week of February 23rd)

Read John 20 and pay special attention to verse 19.

Discuss the challenges and struggles your group experiences when it comes to evangelism.

With a partner, pray for each other. Ask for God's help to overcome challenges in each other's lives that prevents them from being evangelistic.

Week 4 (Week of March 1st)

Read Acts 1:1-4 and Acts 2.

As a group, discuss how the Holy Spirit moved in the lives of the early church according to Acts.

With a partner, pray for the following things:

- Ask the Lord to give you a desire for Him.
- Ask the Lord to reveal to you areas in your life you need to confess.
- Ask the Lord to give you a desire to share the good news of Jesus with others.
- Ask the Lord to fill you with his Spirit and give you the right words of witnessing to the gospel of Jesus.

Week 5 (Week of March 8th)

Read Acts 2:1-18; 4:8; 4:25

As a group, discuss what God can do through a Spirit filled church.

As a group, form a circle and pray for each person to be filled with the Spirit. Let each person sit in the middle of the circle for a special moment of the laying on of hands as the group prays for him/her.

Week 6 (Week of March 15th)

Either, find a partner, or if your Sodality is small enough, ask each other if the Spirit has been leading in any way.

Next, take turns trying to share the main movements of Jesus' life. Each person needs to have a chance. Be sure to add any special stories that resonate with you.

Then, each person needs to choose several moments in Jesus' life and explain what it is about those moments that you find particularly special.

If you can do this with one another, then you are off to a great start to share the life of Jesus with others.

Week 7 (Week of March 22nd)

Either, find a partner, or if your Sodality is small enough, ask each other if the Spirit has been leading in any way.

Help your partner be responsive to the leading of the Spirit.

Next, take turns trying to share the movements of the Old Testament that leads to Jesus. Bring in as many characters and events as you can.

Then, using some of your favorite stories, explain something wonderful about God that brings hope to people.

Last, put these two ideas together and share a big picture of how God has brought hope into our world. You can begin by saying something like, "I think the story of God brings hope because..." then share it.

Week 8 (Week of March 29th)

Either, find a partner, or if your Sodality is small enough, ask each other if the Spirit has been leading in any way.

Next, take turns trying to share parts of the story of Jesus, and then link those stories to an effect they have on our current world. Tell how the gospel impacts real events for good.

Then, share parts of the story of Jesus, and then tell what effects it can have on the person you are talking with as an individual.

Last, (put it all together) share the story of Jesus, then share what effects it is having on our current world, then share what effect it can have on someone's personal life, then share how someone can be born again into the life of Jesus.

Week 9 (Week of April 5th)

Either, find a partner, or if your Sodality is small enough, ask each other if the Spirit has been leading in any way.

Next, take turns trying to share the gospel as a story. You need to bring in plot and characters.

Lastly, share how the gospel story is different from the dominant ideas that people tend to believe in our society today. Tell how the Jesus story creates a very different reality than the ideas of modern success, money, power, sex. Each of these have a story with clever marketing, but Christianity comes to different conclusions about life. Share how it is different by comparing stories.

No Sodality Groups during the Week of April 12th

Week 10 (Week of April 19th)

(This session needs a lot of time for practice.)

With a partner, write down some of the important things in the Bible that you believe are really important and exciting that people need to hear.

How could you string these together in the historical movement of scripture? Which happened first, second, and so forth? Who are the main players and what happened to people's lives in these moments?

Share it as a story.

Share how this story is still powerful today.

(Week 10 continued)

Share how is it different from other stories?

Share how a person can picture his/her life in the story of Christ and what difference it might make.

Offer the story as an invitation; others are welcome to join it, too.

Pretend the person says they want to be a part of it, then last, help them pray to God to repent from their old life and turn to Christ.

Week 11 (Week of April 26th)

(This session needs a lot of time for practice.)

With a partner, discuss how the Spirit is leading in your life and witness.

Next, take turns trying to share your own story in Jesus (share how your life has been caught up into the great story of Jesus Christ).

Then, find some parts of the gospel story that you may believe on faith, but you cannot explain it, because you don't rightly understand. Then, share some of those things with your partner.

Last, share the story of Christ, and then bring your own story into it. Share how you are a part of it, and what it is accomplishing in your life.

Week 12 (Week of May 3rd)

(This session needs a lot of time for practice.)

With your partner practice having a real dialogue about Christ. Practice listening to them.

As you listen, listen very close so you can identify something in their life that could connect with a part of the story of Jesus.

Then, share that part of the story, and share about the difference Christ is making in the world and in your life.

Last, ask them if they feel drawn to this story and ask if it is something, they believe they want to be a part of it.

Week 13 (Week of May 10th)

As a group, discuss what God did in your life during these last 13 weeks.