

**WEEK 6**

**KEEPING A HEALTHY BALANCE  
IN YOUR SMALL GROUP**



## KEEPING A HEALTHY BALANCE IN YOUR LIFE AND SMALL GROUP

### I. Worship: Time of focusing on the Lord together

1. Read worship article and discuss.
2. Discuss and share about personal worship.
3. Discuss ideas for small group worship.

### II. Instruction: Time of studying and discussing the Word

1. Discuss: Discussion format vs. lecture
2. Discuss: Crafting creative questions
3. Discuss: Importance of questions that create life change
4. Discuss: Importance of "The Law of Application"

### III. Fellowship: Time of connecting and sharing and praying together

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| Hebrews 10:24-25    | 1. Discuss: <u>Why important</u>  |
| II Timothy 1:3-5    | 2. Discuss: <u>Levels of sharing</u>  |
| Colossians 3:12-17  | 3. Discuss: <u>Importance of being personal but keeping it God-centered</u> |
| Ephesians 3:14-20   | 4. Discuss: <u>The part prayer plays in fellowship</u>                      |
| I Thessalonians 2:8 | 5. Discuss: <u>Importance of transparency and honesty</u>                   |

### IV. Evangelism: Time spent together to pray for and focus on the lost

1. Discuss: handout on "Evangelism for the Purpose of Godliness"
2. Discuss: Video and how to use a small group to hold one another accountable in evangelism





# DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NON-CHRISTIANS

## VIDEO NOTES



## DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS

Critical first question we have to ask ourselves if we are going to be developing leadership with a vision for discipleship:

### **What kind of person do you want to deploy out into the world?**

"No one responsible for helping another to grow spiritually can proceed until they have in mind a model of their efforts." James Engel

#### I. FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Love	Patience	Goodness
Joy	Kindness	Faithfulness
Peace	Self-Control	Gentleness

These are simply evidences of the indwelling presence of God, who wants to make Himself visible.

#### II. EVANGELISM

It is what Jesus Christ does through the:

Kerygma - Proclamation of the gospel

Koinonia - Fellowship

Diakonia - Service of His church

#### III. KEY QUESTION

Does Jesus Christ in the life of individual members of your church have an opportunity to mix it up with the sinners of the world?

Fruit of the Spirit are qualities not kept in a trophy case.

These are qualities the world desperately needs to see if we are going to be effective in discipleship and evangelism.

The average Christian has no non-believing friends after two years.

#### IV. LOVING PEOPLE

The ancient Greeks said there is no effective communication without these elements

Ethos	Ethical	VISUALIZATION!
Pathos	Empathy	



Ethos - Holiness - Blameless, full of grace and truth  
Fruit of the Spirit

Pathos - People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

When love is felt, the message is heard.

Logia - VERBALIZATION

#### V. GOD'S REDEMPTIVE LOVE IS

\*Declared in Scripture  
\*Demonstrated at the cross  
\*Displayed in the body (the bride)

Love has this contextual bed-fellow in Scripture; it is neighbor in both the Greek and Latin. Neighbor means to draw near. Near - not just geographically BUT - personally and spiritually

#### VI. TO BE A NEIGHBOR IS TO DEVELOP A CAPACITY TO DRAW NEAR.

Four basic approaches to culture:

Culture defined: Culture is a body of ready made solutions to the challenges, tensions, and problems of life.

Four responses:

1. Rejection - Radical Difference (no radical identification)
2. Immersion - Radical Identification (No radical difference)
3. Split-Adaptation
4. Critical Participation

God has not called us out of cultures, but He placed us within culture to be light and salt.

#### VII. MATH 13 EXPLAINED

First, verbal message

Second, People are the message

Good seed - Greek word for good is beautiful

Cast us out as beautiful seed in the world

Give permission and encourage people to mix it up.

## VIII. GIVEN TO HOSPITALITY - Lover of Strangers

### Commitment

To: (Have dinner once a week with a non-Christian couple.)

(Every neighborhood we moved into we have determined our friends will come out of the non-Christian community.

Great way to build a follow-up matrix before they come to the Lord.

Brainstorm:



PHASE	I. Cultivation					II. Sowing				III. Harvesting			IV. Multiplication					
Picture	The Soil = Human Hearts					The Seed = Gospel Truth				The Grain = Reproduced Life of Jesus Christ			Crop = Christian Community					
Explanation	Speaks to the heart through relationship. Focus on caring.					Speaks to the mind through revelation. Focus on communication.				Speaks to the will for a faith response. Focus on conversion.			Speaks to the whole man for growth and going! Focus on completion (Colossians 1:28).					
Emphasis	The presence of the believer. Building a friendship bridge.					Presentation of the gospel. Giving understanding of truth.				Persuasion. Encouraging a meaningful decision of faith.			Participation. Integration into Body.					
Obstacles	Indifference Antagonism					Ignorance Error				Indecision Love of darkness			Isolation Inward focus					
Some Examples	Nicodemus—John 3 Woman at well—John 4					Ethiopian eunuch—Acts 8 Woman at well—John 4				Philippian jailer—Acts 16 Woman at well—John 4			Jensalem converts—Acts 2:40-41 Samaritan awakening—Acts 8					
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Mini- Decisions Some of the specific "mini- decisions" that could be made in each phase.	Going his or her own way		Aware of messenger		Has positive attitude toward messenger		Aware of difference in messenger		First aware of Bible's relevance to life		Has positive attitude toward Bible		Aware of basics of the gospel		Understands meaning and implications of gospel		Has positive attitude toward gospel	
	Recognizes personal need		Decides to act		Repents and believes		New creature in Christ		Faith confirmation and grounding		Assimilation into a caring community		Growing and maturing into Christlikeness		Going! Mobilization to reproduce			

MARK 4:1-20  
FOUR-PHASE PROCESS OF LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM: V

