

Life Group Session 3 Discussion 6

Tangible Kingdom: The role of God in your mission. REMOVE SHAME, IDENTIFY THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AND BE FUELED BY LOVE.

Cross Culture Church

Goal: Now that you have introduced spiritual disciplines to help encourage an ongoing relationship with Jesus that leads to transformation, and you have given examples of seeing life as a seminar to become like Jesus, it's time to learn what it means to start to live a great neighbor life/missional life. This week focuses on the role of God in your life and how it affects your mission.

Connect:

- 1) Most unique. This icebreaker works the same way as Two Truths and a Lie, but it takes less time and can be used to get a meeting started. Go around the room, and ask each participant to share something about themselves that they believe makes them different from everyone else in the room. You can provide an example to help get everyone started, such as *"I have 9 siblings"* or *"I have never left my home state."* Feel free to explore more of what the person says. This activity encourages openness and celebrates individuality among the group.
- 2) Did anyone get a chance to "See, Listen and Share Jesus or invite someone to church," have a few people share how it went if so.
- 3) Your 5- Ask if everyone has written down 5 people they are praying for who don't know Jesus. If not they can pick up their cards at church on Sunday mornings.

Discuss:

Evangelism is a Spiritual Battle. Life is a Spiritual Battle. The greatest offensive weapon we have is prayer. Prayer is not an event or a spell is a conversation with God. One of the most powerful ways that we bring change and change is praying the scripture. As a group, take some time to pray through scripture.

Follow this pattern if you would like. Have each person pick a Psalm:

Read the Scripture

Leave room for silence

Then pray what God puts on your heart pertaining to that Scripture.

Psalm 30:1-5

"I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning."

Psalm 37:1-5

"Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act."

Psalm 40:1-4

"I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!"

Psalm 46:7-11

"The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. 'Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!' The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

Psalm 55:18-23

"He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me. God will give ear and humble them, he who is enthroned from of old, Selah because they do not change and do not fear God. My companion stretched out his hand against his friends; he violated his covenant. His speech was smooth as butter, yet war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords. Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he

will never permit the righteous to be moved. But you, O God, will cast them down into the pit of destruction; men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days. But I will trust in you."

Psalm 103:1-2

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Psalm 106:1-5

"Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD, or declare all his praise? Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times! Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you save them, that I may look upon the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory with your inheritance."

Psalm 116:1-2

"I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live."

- How did it feel when you were praying the scripture out loud?
- Why do you think God brought the thoughts and prayers you had with that scripture to mind?

Pray for others:

- Take a minute and pray for Your 5 together. This time share your 5 with a group member and let them pray for Your 5. Each person can pray for each other's 5.
- Take any prayer requests and prayer for each other personally.

FOR THE NEXT TIME. Start thinking about a hospitality event to invite non believers or sojourners to. Be thinking about the theme and what parts each person will play until you meet again.