

PEOPLE OF THE TABLE

1. CATCH UP ON LIFE:

This is when we update each other on the things that Jesus has been up to in our lives since we last saw each other. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Suggested time: 20-30 minutes

- When were you most aware of Jesus' presence this week?
- When were you least aware of Jesus' presence this week?

2. REVIEW THE MISSION:

Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go because Jesus changes everything. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

Suggested time: 10-20 minutes

1. People:

- Reactive Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we
 join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that
 is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use
 some love from our group?
- Proactive Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, STC partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Columbia)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve, and build relationships with this group?
- **2. Plan:** Are there any rhythms already planned, or an extra rhythm we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?

Pray: Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

3. SERMON DISCUSSION:

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, show us our sin, and strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a LifeGroup throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25)

Suggested Time: 20-40 minutes

I. SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

Primary Passage: Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Read **Luke 22:14-20 and 1 Corinthians 11:17-34** out loud. Spend some time silently reflecting and journaling the following questions as a LifeGroup.

- What stands out from the passage?
- What does this passage reveal to us about God?
- What does this passage reveal to us about people?

Share with one another what you thought, reflected, and wrote about.

II. SERMON DISCUSSION

What stood out to you from the sermon?

In the sermon we gave four categories to help us approach communion with reverence:

1) "Jesus is my God and what He says goes."

When we participate in communion we remind ourselves that Jesus is our authority. What are you struggling to trust Jesus with? How can you give Him control of it? What sin(s) do you need to confess to God?

2) "These are my people and nothing comes between us."

Communion shows us that in Christ, we are united together. Are there any broken relationships you have in our church family? What does repentance and reconciliation look like?

3) "This is what is true, everything else is a lie" and "Jesus is what I need most"

In communion we reinforce that God and His Word is ultimate in our lives. Outside of Jesus, what other stories are you tempted to believe in? How can you practically fight against that?

Let's spend some time praying out loud - confessing our sins to God, thanking Him for the gift of reconciliation through Jesus, and asking for His Spirit to work through us as we seek deeper repentance in our lives.

4. ENGAGE THE HEART:

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)

Suggested Time: 20-40 minutes

How are you abiding with Jesus (Bible reading and prayer) this week?

What sin do you need to confess to God? What are you struggling to trust Jesus with this week? How can you give Him control of it?

Where have you seen victory over sin in the last week? Where have you been encouraged in your walk with Jesus in the last week?

Pray: James tells us that a community that regularly confesses sin and prays for each other will see a lot of healing. Confess your sins to God in prayer and pray for each other. **Pray** for the Spirit to work in you as you take steps of repentance.