

4Ws So That You May Know The Shepherd's Care

John 21:15-25

Dgroup's Curriculum: Leader's Copy

WORSHIP

Consider reading **Psalm 45** together, taking turns reading a verse at a time, or reading responsively with the leader reading a verse and the group responding with the next verse. You can discuss the Psalms you read and share what they mean to you.

Consider singing some of the songs on the sheets that were included in your packet if you have someone in the group that plays the guitar or can lead music and/or play the guitar.

WELCOME

Questions.

Other than the Bible, what is your favorite book? Why is this book your favorite, and what have you learned from reading it? Tell us the story.

WORD

Discussion Questions.

1. In the Greek language, 'agape' love loves someone because of who they are, regardless of what they do, and 'phileo' love loves someone because of what they do, regardless of who they are. Why is this distinction important to this passage, and how does it apply to our lives?
2. We can care for other people even when they are unlovable, and we know this because of something Jesus said in this passage. What did Jesus say that helps us to understand this, and what does it mean for us today?
3. John has repeatedly referred to one of the disciples as 'that disciple whom Jesus loved'. Which of the disciples is John referring to when he says this? What difference did it make in John's life when he looked at life this way?
4. Peter assessed himself by how much he loved Jesus, and John assessed himself by how much Jesus loved him. How did this difference play out in these two men's lives? How do you tend to assess yourself?
5. In his Gospel, John only told us SOME of the things that Jesus said and did, and then at the end of his Gospel he gives us an interesting reason why he didn't tell us ALL the things Jesus said and did. What was his reason for leaving some stuff out? How likely is it that John is correct in what he said?

WORK

HEY, it's Christmas! Tell somebody about Jesus! (And tell your group the story of how it went.)

Those of us who lead should remember that there is no better way to motivate others to share the gospel than to set an example for them. Speak to others about Jesus when you have the opportunity and set an example of lifestyle evangelism for the members of your group. They will be much more likely to follow your example than they will be to simply do what you tell them to do. Ask the group to discuss this and then ask them to think through the list of people you have been praying for each week. Discuss how we can be more aggressively involved in sharing the good news with these folks for whom God has burdened us. We will pray for these people tonight and each night we're together until they come to Life Group, or come to Christ through some other means. Have each couple or individual share the name of one couple/person to pray for and then ask one of the other people in the group to pray for them.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Singapore Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Core, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Singapore Facilities

- CCF Singapore Center
- Equipments

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends

Close your time together in prayer.