



John 15:18-27 Dgroup's Curriculum: Leader's Copy

WORSHIP

Consider reading **Psalm 56** 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.

Have you ever chosen at some point in your life to make a major or even minor change in the way you do things, or the way you dress or style your hair? How did people respond to that change? Why do you think they responded that way? Tell us the story.

WORD

Discussion Questions.

- 1. What warnings did Jesus give for the church in John 15:18-20? How do you feel when Christians are persecuted? Have you ever faced persecution because of your faith?
- 2. How have Satan's techniques for persecuting the church changed over time? Why do some Christians succumb to Satan's persecution and never confront the world?
- 3. What did Peter say will happen if we submit to persecution (1 Pet. 4:12-14)? What did Peter say we are to do when we are persecuted (1 Pet. 4:19)?
- 4. In relation to Romans 12:2, we are reminded not to conform to the patterns of the world instead we should be transformed by the renewing of our minds. How can the Dgroup help in this area?
- 5. How can you better take great comfort that the Holy Spirit will come into us, fill, mold, and shape us, use and place us, and provide us with all we need to help us tell others about Christ?

WORK

Jesus has been telling us that the way that people respond to us will be a reflection of the way that they respond to Him. This means that, because of our ties to Him, and the fact that we are becoming more and more like Him, we are becoming better representatives of Him daily. This is where 'What Would Jesus Do' comes into play in our lives. Jesus has already made it clear that He is passionate about people knowing the truth and that His goal is that the people who follow Him will become the people who share the truth with others. Since this is what Jesus clearly wants for us, we have to ask what it is that we want for ourselves. There's no time like the present to get involved with what God wants for our lives. Let's let this be the week when we begin to obey Him to show Him that we love Him. Hey, as I mentioned above, I'm curious as to how people are using this weekly curriculum. If you've read this far and have used the curriculum in your group, could you just hit 'reply' on the email? If you have any comments you can include them, but that's not necessary. I'd just like to see if the material is being used. Thanks. And, once again, if you have already replied you don't have to reply again.

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.

Close your time together in prayer.

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 Facitlities

- CCF Singapore Center
- Equipments

V. Personal Concerns

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