

4Ws The Gospel of John: So That You May Know **God's Love**

John 3:1-21

Dgroup's Curriculum: Leaders Copy

WORSHIP

(Remember, the Worship time is designed to get everyone involved in 'recommending' God, so make sure you highlight who God is and what he has done for us, and avoid asking him for anything at least for these few minutes.)

Consider reading Psalm 73 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

End your worship time together with 'popcorn praise'. Tell the group that you'll pray together, but without the usual trappings of prayer, no long prayers, no eloquent speech, and no requests, just simple words of praise like, "Father, you know I was almost in an accident this week and you showed up and protected me and my family, thank you."

WELCOME

(Remember, the Welcome Question is designed to get everyone talking, so make sure you take your time and allow everyone to respond to this question.)

Question: What is the best thing you have ever eaten, where did you eat it and what did you like about it – what made it taste so good to you? Tell us the story.

WORD

(Remember that our time in the Word is intended to remind people what they learned during the message and help them find ways to apply those truths to their lives. Hand out the copies of the questions and then lead them in a discussion. Make sure that everyone has a chance to be involved in the discussion without letting anyone dominate the discussion time.)

1. As we now have a better understanding of who these Pharisees were. Can you cite any similarities that you see and notice with Christians today? Share how you can personally improve these things?
2. Being mindful of things to come (read Luke 12:48), how should this affect the way we live our lives?

3. In a nutshell, discuss how one can be born again?
4. What does Numbers 21 tells us about our salvation. How does it relate to the sacrifices that Christ has done on the cross? Cite your individual experiences on how you have received Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour..
5. Discuss how verses John 3:6 and 1 Peter 1:23 tie in and what does it tells us about the miracle of our transformation. (Share your best practices to improve on how you handle the Word of God through prayer, quiet time, evangelism..... etc.)?

WORK

(Remember that the main question to ask during the Work time is, “**Who else needs to hear about this?**” You will be generating a list of people who we will plan to invite to a future meeting.)

We are working our way through the Gospel of John, and this would be a good time for all of us to develop the habit of sharing the gospel with other people. We have learned as we’ve studied the Gospel of John so far, that followers follow, but followers also tell others about Jesus. This is not a matter of putting people on a guilt trip, but simply of coming to understand how we are designed. Birds fly, and when they don’t we know that something is wrong (unless they are penguins, in which case they swim and when they don’t we know that something is wrong). Children grow and when they don’t we know that something is wrong. Horses run and when they don’t we know that something is wrong. Followers of Jesus tell other people about Jesus and when they don’t... If we are not telling other people about Jesus then there really are only two things that can be wrong: Either we don’t personally know Jesus, or we know Him, but we have not really become one of His followers. Encourage the group to think this through and ask God to guide them into the truth.

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.