

# **Disciples... are Intentional Leaders John 6:5-13**

## **Getting Started**

- Last week we talked about the importance of having a biblical foundation. Do you remember our biblical definition of a disciple? (Hint: there were 3 parts.)
- When you think of great leaders, who do you think of and why?
- If someone called you a leader would you be excited or nauseous? Why?

## **Use the Bible Storytelling technique or read John 6:5-13**

- What techniques did Jesus use with his disciples?
- On what things did the disciples focus? Do you think they were intentional about thinking like this?
- What was Jesus trying to teach his disciples?

## **Moving Forward**

- What are things that your mind tends to focus on when you aren't being intentional about focusing on Jesus?
- What are ways in which people could be unintentional leaders? How could that be good or bad?
- Think about people that you lead or have influence with. How could you be more intentional about leading them to Jesus this week?



## **COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDELINES**

### **Confidentiality**

Keeping things that are shared in the group confidential builds trust and shows value to the person. Confidentiality can prevent gossip that only values the story; Jesus always valued the person above their story or their sin.

### **Don't Rescue & Don't Fix**

When someone is sharing something deeply personal and/or painful there can be a tendency to try and make them feel better about themselves or the situation. Often this will cause people to stop sharing and results in their not going as deep as they might have gone. Resist the temptation to rescue people. Try to hear what people are sharing without trying to fix them. If they want your advice, they will ask for it. You may want to take time later to ask if you can offer some advice.

### **No Crosstalk**

Be considerate of others as they are sharing. Don't have side conversations. Trust is built in the moments when everyone feels like they are being listened to and heard by the entire group. Treat others in the group as you would want to be treated.

### **Use Humor Responsibly**

Fun is an essential part of Small Groups; however, when meeting in the Biblical Storytelling time keep sarcastic comments, jokes and laughter to a minimum to allow for an atmosphere of authenticity and vulnerability.

### **Give Everyone a Chance to Share**

Be sensitive to the amount of time you share. Encourage everyone to participate in group discussions.

### **Use "I" Statements**

During small group, we want to hear your personal thoughts and perspectives. Using "I" statements to answer discussion questions allows you to speak for yourself rather than generalizing by using terms such as "them", "the church", "us" or "we".

### **Fight for Relationship**

Relationships reaches a whole new level when conflict is resolved in a healthy manner. When conflict or sin issues arise between group members, commit to fight for the relationship and discuss the struggle with the person you are in conflict with or seek wise advice.