

Community Group Leaders Guide

Week of November 20

Matthew 16:13-24

Today's big idea: Risk is a Process

Keep it simple on the activity here. The point is the processing time together. Feel free to go first if others are hesitant.

- Ask for a volunteer to be blindfolded. Then throw some objects on the floor and guide that person across the room without stepping on any of the items using only your voices. Feel free to let others take a turn being blindfolded.
- What made this exercise easy? What made it hard? Did you prefer wearing the blindfold or giving directions and why? If you did it again what would you do differently?
- Read a Community Group Guideline and then have someone from the group explain what it means. Repeat for all the guidelines.

Bible Study

- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.
- This is actually two stories so I left off verses 25-28. Feel free to add them if you want.**
- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Peter and Jesus.
 - Retell the story together as a group.
 - Read the story from Matthew 16:13-24 in the Bible.
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- How did Jesus challenge his disciples, and Peter specifically, beyond their comfort zones?
 - What were the short and long term results of the risk Peter took in the first story? What about the second story?
 - What lessons did Jesus teach in response to those risks?

Going Deeper

Be sure to allow a pause after each response. Group members may feel like just saying something is a risk that is beyond their comfort zone. Silence may provide the time they need to be courageous enough to answer.

- How much does the fear of failure impact your willingness to take risks with Jesus?
- What are some ways in which God has been challenging you recently?
- How are you processing those challenges with God and others? If you aren't, then why not?
- Close your time together by sharing prayer requests and praying for each other.



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Community Group Member Covenant

- I will make attendance a priority in my schedule and involvement a priority in my participation.
- I will build trust by holding in confidence those things shared in the Community Group.
- I will engage with a disciple maker—someone that will help me grow as a disciple of Jesus and teach me how to be a disciple maker as well.

Community Group Apprentice Covenant

- I will pray for the Community Group Members daily.
- I will accept the responsibility to invite and welcome others into the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple someone in the Community Group beyond group meetings focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, and others they are discipling.
- I will seek to multiply the Community Group and not just grow the group.
- I will talk with my Community Group Leader each week and meet monthly beyond group meetings.

Community Group Leader Covenant

- I will pray for the Community Group Members daily.
- I will accept the responsibility to invite and welcome others into the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple someone in or out of the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple an apprentice focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, leadership skills they are developing in the group meeting and others they are discipling.
- I will seek to multiply the Community Group and not just grow the group.
- I will talk with my Community Group Coach each week and meet monthly.

Community Group Coach Covenant

- I will pray for my assigned Community Group Leaders daily.
- I will relationally disciple someone.
- I will call my assigned Community Group Leaders each week focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, process group time and their progress with their apprentice.
- I will meet with my assigned Community Group Leaders each month.
- I will talk with my Community Group Pastor every other week and meet together each month.