

GOD 101: Bible

Community Group

Matthew 4:1-11 /// Week of February 12

Today's big idea: The Bible is truth that brings victory.

- Share with the group your favorite Bible verse and why it is your favorite. If you don't have a favorite Bible verse then share the Bible story that stands out most to you and why.
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Jesus tempted in the wilderness.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Matthew 4:1-11 in the Bible.
- What do we learn here from the Bible?
- What do we learn from how Jesus and Satan used the Bible?

Heart

- What are lies, temptations or spiritual attacks that Satan has confronted you with recently?
- How did the Bible impact you during those lies, temptations or spiritual attacks? What else may have helped you through them?

Hands

- What rhythms do you have or would you like to develop regarding Bible reading and Bible study?
- What is one step you can take this week to learn the Bible and have victory over the lies, temptations and spiritual attacks?

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.



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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.