

# Jesus is... I am...

## Community Group

**John 13:1-17 /// Week of April 16**

**Today's big idea: Jesus is the way. I am a leader.**

- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- Who would you say is the greatest leader of all time... other than Jesus.
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

## Head

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Jesus washing the disciples feet.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from John 13:1-17 in the Bible.
- What do we learn about Jesus before he started washing the disciples' feet?
- What was Peter's problem?
- What was the primary message that Jesus was trying to convey to his disciples?

## Heart

- What was the significance of Jesus washing the disciples' feet? What did he want them to feel?
- Is it harder for you to think of yourself as a leader or a servant? Why?

## Hands

- What are some obstacles to leading others as Jesus instructed here? How can you overcome those obstacles?
- Who are people that you have influence with? How can you lead them through the example that Jesus has given his disciples?
- Pray for one another and for opportunities to lead others as we follow Christ.

## **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.