



Disciple Making Training Session 16

HOME CHURCH PART 2

VISION

- Building one another's faith at tables and in living rooms, through celebration, conversation and confession.
- **Acts 2:46** So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart.

LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- Co-leaders are mandatory
 - Two households are represented (It cannot be one married couple. A married couple counts as one.)
- Commit to following the Home Church handbook

FREQUENCY

- Commit to host a home church gathering the last Sunday of the month

EQUIPPING

- Quarterly Cohort meetings for Home Church leaders and Community Group Leaders

MULTIPLICATION

- 15-20 people max per home church. Once a home church hits 20 they need to assign a set of leaders who start a new home church.

SUPPORT

- Access to Home Church Directors
- Access to online leadership resources (gardencitychurch.tv/leaders)
- Optional participation in the quarterly ALL team nights
- Optional participation in the monthly prayer meetings

BREAKING DOWN THE VISION

- Building one another's faith at tables and in living rooms, through celebration, conversation and confession.
- Breakdown the vision statement for Home Churches and develop talking points in the form of questions for Christopher to answer.
 - When you think of what it means to build one another's faith what comes to mind?

Luke 24:30-31 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave it to them. **31** Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

- Ask Christopher to share from his experience, why is it so impactful to gather at tables and in living rooms?

What do we mean by celebration?

- We are celebrating the impact of Jesus through the cross and His resurrection. We know this impact plays out in 100 different ways (our identity, our families, our life purpose, ministry etc.) and we want to celebrate them all.

Acts 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added [d] to the church daily those who were being saved.

What do we mean by conversation?

- Conversation that goes beyond surface interaction and that is centered around the word of God.

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

What do we mean by confession?

- As believers with godly sorrow and with confidence in the blood of Jesus, we bring our sin into the light. We confess our sins to God for forgiveness and to each other for healing.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

James 5:16 Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

What is the culmination of our celebration, conversation, and confession? The answer is The Lord's Supper!

1 Corinthians 11:27-31 (NIV) So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. **28** Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. **29** For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. **30** That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. **31** But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment.

John 6:54-55 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. **55** For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

Matthew 26:29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

STRUCTURE

- Large group conversation
 - Start with corporate prayer & worship (songs via youtube or live music)
 - What have you been learning from the sermon series? How have you been impacted by it?
 - How has God been moving in your Community Groups?
- Small group break outs
 - High point and low point
 - Celebrate testimonies of personal spiritual growth
 - Confess sins and struggles
 - Pray for one another
- At the end come back together to share communion/The Lord's Supper

PRACTICE

- Large group conversation
 - What have you been learning from the sermon series? How have you been impacted by it?

1 PETER CHAPTER 4

Main Verse: 1 Peter 4:1-2 Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. 2 As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.

Main Takeaways:

- **GRACE to LIVE FOR GOD (1 Peter 4:1-6)**
- **GRACE to SERVE ONE ANOTHER (1 Peter 4:7-11)**
- **GRACE to REJOICE IN SUFFERING (1 Peter 4:12-19)**

1 PETER CHAPTER 5

Main Verse: 1 Peter 5:10-11 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*. 11 To Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- **GRACE to HUMBLE OURSELVES (1 Peter 5:5-7)**
- **GRACE to BE STEADFAST IN THE FAITH (1 Peter 5:8-11)**
- **STANDING IN GRACE (1 Peter 5:12-14)**

Small group break outs

- High point and low point
- Celebrate testimonies of personal spiritual growth

Confess of sins and struggles activity

- Write out your sin
- Ask for and receive forgiveness
- Take The Lord's Supper
- Write under your sin; Thank you for your blood Jesus! Holy Spirit, how should I respond?

Pray for one another

- Have the table facilitator lead the table in a prayer of thanksgiving for the blood of Jesus, forgiveness of sins...pray as you feel led by the Holy Spirit.