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Discipleship Phrase: Jesus comes to disrupt our perception of power, security and control.

Big Idea for Series: Our expectations are not always God's realization.

Abiding (*grow as a disciple yourself*)

When Jesus speaks of "love" in John 15, he speaks of a gospel love that is unconditional and sacrificial. He demonstrated this amazing act on the cross and could only do this through his Father's power. Search your heart this week. Is your love mostly conditional based on how someone has treated you, how you feel about others, or the amount of inconvenience it brings? Are you willing to go the extra mile with someone? Do you quickly give grace, kindness, and forgiveness to others? In order to love as Christ commands, you must walk out a Spirit-filled life. Pray that God will "prune" you so that you will continue to grow and bear much spiritual fruit for advancing his kingdom.

Leading (*facilitate your group effectively*)

This week, we are leaning into what it looks like to lay your life down for another. Not literally, of course. God does call us "out of self" regularly. What does laying your life down for someone else look like? Spend some time digging into this and asking others to do the same as you discuss. How does it make you feel when you give up your own comfort and desires to meet those needs for somebody else? Another piece of the equation this week is talking through what it looks and feels like when your expectations and the answers God gives, do not align. What is your response? How do you work through what can often be feelings of hopelessness and/or frustration? It's going to be crucial for you to lean into your own vulnerability this week as you lead. Sharing some really "hard truths" as you walk through these topics. In question #4 this week, the group is going to be asked to keep track of one way they are willing to "die unto themselves for another." Some great examples of how you can do that are: being generous, listening, spending time, being available for connection. Brainstorm with your group other ways they can lay down their life for someone else in the coming days/weeks.

Shepherding (*know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep*)

Jesus is the only one who is the "Good Shepherd" however, as Life Group leaders we are still charged with shepherding well. It should be a recognized weight that we acknowledge as a "get to" and not simply as a "have to." So how can you shepherd well this week in light of the topic of the sermon as well as our discussions from our group time. The driver of the curriculum this week is "love," (Jn. 15:13). That said, we propose you consider what this looks like for you and your group members this week. What would it look like for you to "lay your life down" for a group member in need this week? For clarity, laying your life down simply means setting aside your personal desires to be present for the needs of another. How might God be calling you to do so this week?

Church Announcements (*be in the know & share with your group*)

- Easter Service times are April 3 @ 4 and 5:30 PM. And April 4 @ 8:30, 10, and 11:30. We are asking "regulars," to attend one of the Saturday services. Thank you!

REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader."



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Welcome/Introductions (*creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone*)

Open in Prayer (*kickoff every group gathering with honoring the Lord*)

Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows (*choose one that is best for your group this week*)

Weekly Vision Checklist (*See Flipbook re: announcements, the “why”, goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching*)

Ask a Hook Question (*a thought-provoking question to get the group heading in the right direction*)

Tell about a time you thought you were alone but got caught doing something silly.

Recap the Message (*ask a couple people to share what stood out to them in this week’s message*)

Scriptures References (*Read scriptures **directly from the Bible**—it carries its own authority*)

John 13:31-38 (ESV), **John** 15:1-17 (ESV), **John** 17:20-23 (ESV)

Implications (*takeaways from the message*)

1. Jesus never leaves us alone.
2. We are called to lay our lives down for other people- not just in death, but also in life.
3. The only way to have the strength to lay down our lives for others is to stay daily connected to Christ.
4. When we lay our lives down, Jesus works through us and the world sees him for who he really is.

Discussion Questions (*going beyond the surface*)

1. What does Jesus say about greater love in John 15:13?
2. What does it mean to you to lay down your life for others and how might God be calling you to step into that right now?
3. What do you do when God’s answers didn’t align with your expectations?
4. Take a few minutes to write down or text yourself 2 ways you are going to lay down your life for another this week. (See leading section for ideas)

Prayer Requests (*record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.*)

Closing Prayer (*ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly*)

