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Discipleship Phrase: Tradition honors past, action honors present, God sees both.

Big Idea for Series: This is why we do what we do each week.

Abiding (*grow as a disciple yourself*)

The Word of God is essential to your Christian growth and your spiritual well-being. Do you desire His word and depend on it like it is nourishment for you? A growing Christian will approach God's word with a desire to change them. Do you have a hunger to hear God's voice, to learn new truths, and learn the true nature of God? Proof that you are experiencing intimacy with God is your obedience to His word. Pray that God and the Holy Spirit will give you the strength and discipline to approach His word daily to have His presence in your life.

Leading (*facilitate your group effectively*)

Prior to group this week, calibrate your mind as well as your heart as it pertains to how you view the Bible. This week you'll lead your group through some questions that should challenge us all on how we see the word of God. While it is always recommended to use an actual Bible during group, this week should have an extra emphasis on using your physical Bible. As you lead others through the discussion questions, seek to gain understanding of how your group sees and engages with the Bible. Challenge your group to see the Bible as a place where we can intimately meet with our Creator and not just a book that might contain answers to life or as a riddle to be figured out. In our times of reading scripture, we can press into learning more about the true nature of our Father's unfailing love. In our times of study, be mindful that we don't get to control the meaning of God's word, it says what says. Real people, real place, real time. Context matters!

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

As you consider how best to shepherd your group this week, spend some time thinking about how you interact with the Bible and why. Do you read to get answers, or to encounter Him? As you meet, remind your group that the Bible provides us with examples of both the nature and promises of God. With that knowledge, we have the freedom to make the decisions and choices we do. Ask your group to consider how they utilize the freedoms afforded to each of us through engaging daily in the living word of God.

Life Group Leader Announcements

- Life Group Leader Workshop May 23, 2021 from 2:30-4:30 PM. Click [here](#) to register!

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

- Starting May 13, 2021, we will have a weekly prayer gathering every Thursday from 6:30-8 PM in meeting room A. No registration necessary. No childcare available.

REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader."



LifeGroups at Southeast

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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*)

What’s your favorite book and why? No cheating and saying the Bible. 😊

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*)

Hebrews 4: 12 (NIV), 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV), 1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NIV), Philippians 4:13 (NIV), 2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

Implications (*takeaways from the message*)

1. Solving the Bible should not be the goal of reading it; the Holy Spirit meets us right where we are to empower us to move forward in the truth of God.
2. Answers about the nature of God are all over scripture; the more scripture we know, the more we know about who God really is.
3. Proof texting is not a great way to handle the Bible.
4. Every day is an opportunity to commit to know one more line of God’s inspired Word.

Discussion Questions (*going beyond the surface*)

1. What does Psalm 18:30, Psalm 50:5, and Psalm 116:5 say about the nature of God?
2. Where did your understanding of the nature of God come from, your pastor, church, friends, family, Bible, etc. and how so?
3. Are you going to God's word just looking for answers to life's problems or are you going to God's word seeking true intimacy with God?
4. How can knowing God's true nature change how I respond to the Bible's commands?
5. How does this change the way you engage with the word of God going forward?

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*)