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Discipleship Phrase: His heart, my hands.

Big Idea for Series: Jesus' heart for the kingdom is on full display.

Abiding (*grow as a disciple yourself*)

The sermon this week is dialed into the fundamental truths around our core identity and intrinsic value as children of the Most High. It's so easy to always be looking at ourselves (and others) through the fractured earthly lens of our brokenness. Yet we'd do well to remind ourselves that God's lens is absolutely flawless and completely whole. We'll be able to lead our groups more effectively this week if we spend our quiet time marinating in this truth, trying to remove our own lens and see ourselves through His.

Leading (*facilitate your group effectively*)

This week you will lead your group into discussion about how they see "value" in themselves, God's perspective about them, and how they are to live in that understanding. In Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus shares many metaphors of those that claim to be followers of Christ. With that in mind, guide your discussion around this scripture for members to discover their God-created purpose and that they are valuable and good in His eyes. In Questions 2 & 3, help members peel back a few layers asking what they find value in and where they find themselves looking for value. What lies have we accepted or believe about ourselves that contradict what God says about us? Lead them through the truth that each person has been created by God for His purpose. Ponder these questions: What if each of us Christ-followers knew our true value and purpose? How would we act with others and "stick out" to others positively? In closing discussion, challenge the group to commit to seek God daily to reveal how they can truly see themselves as God's sees them. Journal those thoughts and revelations so they can be shared the next time you meet.

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

There is potential for some real brokenness to come to the surface this week during group as we discuss value and identity on a deeper, heart level. Be mindful to be fully present as well as engaged and make certain that you're actively listening to, not just your group members, but also the Holy Spirit (always stay genuinely curious regarding both). Picking up on these two things may prompt you to some unique opportunities to love on someone really well this coming week, in a way that meets them right where they're at.

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

- Men's breakfast June 19, 2021, 7:30-9:00 AM. Register [here!](#)

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 is the most valuable thing you ever found?

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*)

Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV)

Implications (*takeaways from the message*)

1. We are infinitely valuable. We will experience true freedom and peace when we live in our value, not our lies.
2. As followers of Jesus, we are called to bring light into dark places by calling out the true identity of others from God’s perspective.
3. We should stick out, but for good reasons, not bad.
4. How are we separating light from darkness in our own lives?

Discussion Questions (*going beyond the surface*)

1. What does Jesus say that you are in these verses, Mt. 5:13-16, and what does that mean to you now?
2. What do you think your value is and where do you find yourself looking for it the most?
3. How does what you value differ from what Jesus says is truly valuable here? (Read the verse again for the group after a few people have answered and ask it again. Remind them that Jesus is speaking to our intrinsic value and your true identity.)
4. For this coming week, commit to reminding yourself of how God sees you personally. You are salt of the earth! You are the light! You are a city on a hill! When we meet next, we’ll discuss what God is showing you through His lens.

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*)