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Discipleship Phrase: His kingdom over mine.

Big Idea for Series: On earth as it is in Heaven.

Abiding (*grow as a disciple yourself*)

We often hear about the importance of our relationship with God and it should be your priority. As you walk out your faith, what is your posture to relationships with others? God shows himself with some of the people He puts in our lives. Likewise, we can be a real expression of God's love for people through how we interact with, connect with, and care for them through our relationships. How do you rest in these relationships that need you to be both a student and teacher? This week, focus your thoughts and prayers on why you were created. What relationships should you cultivate for the purposes of giving to others and receiving from others?

Leading (*facilitate your group effectively*)

It's been said that leadership is influence. If that's true, we can safely conclude that influence only comes by way of relationship. That, of course, is why we say relationship matters. It does matter because it equates to influence which you obtain through relationship only. Think about it. What relationships have been key to your personal growth spiritually? How much influence did you allow that person to have in your life? It's through relationship that you willingly gave them the right to speak into your life. In this week's discussion, it's all about exploring these relationships and that influence that we have given to others and why. Adversely, it's also about who's given us influence to speak into their life. Also, it's about what we're doing with that influence we've been given. Are we stewarding that well, are we holding that as sacred as we should be? And finally, how might we be more intentional in these relationships for the sake of spiritual growth.

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

As you lean into this message about relationships and how (being in them) pivotal they are not only to our lives, but our spiritual and emotional growth, think about some that have influenced you greatly over your lifetime. Who are they, what did you learn from them that influenced you, how did you change because of doing life with them? This could be a tricky subject for some, so be sensitive to the room. Be aware of both body and verbal cues. Be ready to have follow-up conversations as the Holy Spirit leads.

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

Don't forget to register for Refocus! We encourage all Life Group Leaders to attend this annual training on August 29th, 2021 from 12:30-3:30 PM. It will be a time of training so that you are encouraged and refreshed as you continue to lead your groups well! Lunch and childcare are provided! Click [here](#) to register!

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*)
Who was your most challenging teacher?

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 6:9-13 (ESV), **1 John** 1:5-9 (ESV), **1 John** 5:1-4 (ESV), **Matthew** 13:24-30 (ESV)

Implications (*takeaways from the message*)

1. Relationship is our mandate from God.
2. Relationship is the one thing that forces us to grow spiritually.
3. Our relationship with God will never be complete without others
4. God is a good, trustworthy Father. He brings rest, inspiration, and energy to his kids.

Discussion Questions (*going beyond the surface*)

1. Relationship matters. Read John 1:5-9. How does this speak to the importance of relationships?
2. In what ways is relationship essential to your spiritual growth?
3. What’s the one relationship that caused you to grow the most spiritually and why?
4. What’s the one relationship you need to invest in more for their growth?

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*)

