

Discipleship Groups

Week 52

As your people gather, welcome them, and help them to greet one another.

When it's time to begin, welcome them as a group. You are in the best position to judge what follow-up from past weeks may be appropriate at the beginning of this week's session.

Week 52 represents the conclusion of our year-long discipleship process. It does not mean that you group will no longer meet -- that is for you all to decide together. But this week's video and instructions are based on the assumption that this marks of the completion of the process.

This week's video has three sections. At two different points, you will be invited to pause the video in order to allow time for some group discussion. It can be downloaded or played from the website.

Watch the first section of the video together. When the time comes to pause, allow a generous opportunity for group sharing and discussion. The conversation may be aided by the following:

- How has your relationship with God changed over the past year?
- We have talked about living with Jesus, living like Jesus, and living for Jesus. In which of these areas have you grown the most? Share a little bit about that growth.
- As you reflect back on the past year, for what are you especially thankful?
- In what way do you sense that you especially need to grow in your discipleship?
- How should we pray for you?
- How can we support you?

After that group discussion, watch the second, brief portion of the video. When the time comes to pause, go around the circle and invite each person to share his or her answer to the question: Are you a disciple of Jesus?

Watch the remainder of the video. After you've finished watching, discuss the following together:

- What do you think of the proposed correspondence between God's first instructions to human beings in Genesis and Jesus' final instruction to the disciples in Matthew?
- How do you feel about the expectation that we, as disciples, are meant to reproduce?
- How will you be fruitful and multiply? How will you make disciples?
- Where do we go from here (individually or together)?

At the conclusion of your time together, gather your members in a time of group prayer. When you dismiss, encourage them to continue to pray for one another each day.

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