

WEEK 8

WHAT AM I HERE FOR?

OBJECTIVE

We ask these types of questions often, if not every day: What's my purpose? Am I doing what I'm supposed to be doing? This week, you will have the opportunity to guide your group to look at how God has made each of us Together, we'll be encouraged to use our lives to serve those around us, even if we aren't where we thought we would be in life.

CHECKLIST

- Pray over each group member by name.
- Send out mid-week text to check in with Small Group members.
- Next week is your Serve Experience! Finalize and share all details of time, location, what to wear and what you will be doing.
- Invite group members to bring any questions from last week's topic.
- Remind group members of upcoming Next Steps opportunities (Baptism, Connect, etc.).
- Select someone to share their story next week.

SMALL GROUP

SOCIAL: 10 MINUTES

Welcome the group and create connections for group members to one another.

ICEBREAKER: 5 MINUTES

"What did you want to be when you were growing up?"

STORY: 3 MINUTES

At least a few days in advance, ask one person from the group to share their story of what their life was like before Jesus and when they made the decision to follow Jesus. (Be sure to hold them to a 3-minute limit!)

INTRODUCTION: 5 MINUTES

Remind attendees of the purpose of this group and the importance of their (and your) commitment to it. Celebrate any milestones or next steps of individuals in the group.

Allow participants to share their thoughts on the previous week's devotional and encourage them to ask any questions they had written down regarding last week's topic.

"How did you see God move through you this week through your devotions?"

"What questions did you write down?"

VIDEO: 15 MINUTES

Set up and prepare for this week's video teaching.

"Today we will lean into the difference we can make with the lives that we've been given. Are we stewarding our abilities, our gifts, our influence to build our kingdoms or are we using those to build GOD'S KINGDOM? Let's learn together. Here we go!"

READ: 2 MINUTES

Open your Bibles together and read through this week's passage. Be sure that everyone is able to find the book, chapter and verses and encourage group members to take turns reading.

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

John 13:14-15

DISCUSSION: 30 MINUTES

Lead the group through the reflection questions, encouraging them to even ask their own questions. (This is not the time for the leader to talk, but for participants to engage with each other. Rule of thumb: you talk 30% of the time, they talk 70% of the time.) Be sure that no one or two people dominate the conversation, but you're facilitating and directing the participation of everyone.

QUESTION 1

In what ways do you see your work as a way to subdue the earth?

QUESTION 2

How are you stewarding, and how have you stewarded, the role that God has given you within your vocation?

QUESTION 3

Share a time when someone served you. How did that make you feel?

QUESTION 4

How does hearing and reading about Jesus choosing to wash the feet of His disciples inspire you to serve those whom you work alongside?

QUESTION 5

As a church, one of the ways we invite others into serving is by being a part of our Sunday ministry teams and our local and global Beyond Our Walls teams. Share about your experience serving. How and when did you start serving at Rock City?

PRAYER: 15 MINUTES

Split into groups of two and pray.

Prayer Focus: Pray over the Serve Experience. Pray that God will go before your group and give you opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with the people you have the opportunity to serve.

NEXT STEPS: 5 MINUTES

Introduce the materials and encourage members to engage in their weekly devotions for the coming week. Discuss any upcoming events or opportunities for them to take next steps (attending worship experiences, baptism, Rock City Connect, serving beyond our walls).

- Next week, you'll meet for your Serve Experience. Share the details of where and when to meet and what you will be doing as a group.