

Unexplainable

Week 5 - Lead Sheet

ICEBREAKER

Questions: How long will Taylor Swift's music be popular? How many years will it be before she is irrelevant?

SILENCE

LEADER... Spend 5 minutes in silence together. Breathe deeply. Quiet your mind. Allow the worries, concerns, and distractions to dissipate from your mind.

Begin by praying something similar with the group:

"Father, please quiet our minds and still our hearts. Protect us from the distractions that plague our thoughts stirring anxiety within our hearts. Please, fix our eyes on Jesus as we silently come before you to listen. Draw near to us. Allow us to feel your divine presence in our midst. May we be attentive to the still, small, quiet voice of your Spirit."

LAST WEEK'S CHALLENGE

LEADER... Last week we asked what were three ways that we can abide more deeply in relationship with Jesus throughout your week.

Questions: How did it go? Are these things you'd like to continue to engage in this week? Are there any ways we can pray for you in this endeavor?

THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS

Question: What historical figures have left a lasting legacy on this planet?

Question: What are some key ingredients to leaving a legacy?

ENGAGING WITH SCRIPTURE

LEADER: Have a volunteer read these two passages of Scripture:

Acts 1:6-8 (The VOICE) *“When they had gathered just outside Jerusalem at the Mount of Olives, they asked Jesus,*

Disciples: *Is now the time, Lord—the time when You will reestablish Your kingdom in our land of Israel?*

Jesus: *The Father, on His own authority, has determined the ages and epochs of history, but you have not been given this knowledge. Here’s the knowledge you need: you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. And you will be My witnesses, first here in Jerusalem, then beyond to Judea and Samaria, and finally to the farthest places on earth.”*

Matthew 28:18-20 (The VOICE) *“Jesus came forward and addressed His beloved disciples.*

Jesus: *“I am here speaking with all the authority of God, who has commanded Me to give you this commission: Go out and make disciples in all the nations. Ceremonially wash them through baptism in the name of the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then disciple them. Form them in the practices and postures that I have taught*

and show them how to follow the commands I have laid down for you. And I will be with you, day after day, to the end of the age.”

Questions: In the passages of Scripture from Acts and Matthew we have parallel accounts of the last encounter Jesus has with his disciples. In Acts the disciples' attention was fixed on something... what are they concerned about?

Question: How does Jesus respond to their question?

Question: What does Jesus want his disciples attention focused on?

Questions: In these passages of Scripture we are given the last words spoken by Jesus to his disciples before he ascends into heaven. If you had time to tell your closest friends one thing before you died what would you say? How difficult is it to even answer that question? Doesn't that seem like a weighty task... your last words? How much importance should we place on Jesus' last words to his disciples?

Question: What command does Jesus give his disciples in Acts?

Question: How does his command in Matthew shed light on his command to them in Acts?

Question: How does Jesus, in this context, explain or define discipleship?

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (The VOICE) *“Therefore, if anyone is united with the Anointed One, that person is a new creation. The old life is gone—and see—a new life has begun! All of this is a gift from our Creator God, who has pursued us and brought us into a restored and healthy relationship with Him through the Anointed. And He has given us the same mission, the ministry of reconciliation, to bring others back to Him. It is central to our good news that God was in the Anointed making things right between Himself and the world. This means He does not hold their sins against them. But it also means He charges us to proclaim the message that heals and restores our broken relationships with God and each other. So we are now representatives of the Anointed One, the Liberating King; God has given us a charge to carry through our lives—urging all people on behalf of the Anointed to become reconciled to the Creator God. He orchestrated this: the Anointed One, who had never experienced sin, became sin for us so that in Him we might embody the very righteousness of God.”*

Question: In 2 Corinthians Paul is explaining this same concept. How does Paul’s word picture differ from the one Jesus paints?

Question: From Paul's vantage point what is making disciples about?

Question: What does Paul say our motivation for making disciples should be?

Question: Who do you think is called by Jesus to participate in making disciples?

Question: Is Jesus calling you to partner with him on this mission?

Question: How might you begin stepping into this calling this week?

Question: What kind of legacy will this help you leave?

RHYTHM OF INTIMACY

The discipline of “gratitude” is taking time to remember the depth of God’s extravagant love for us.

*“Repetition makes the extraordinary ordinary.
Gratitude restores the ordinary to extraordinary.”*

—Renaut Van der Riet

Paul tells us our motivation for discipleship should come from what God has done for us.

Question: What has God done for you? Let’s take five minutes and see how many different things we can list.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Begin to pray about how God wants you to engage more deeply in making disciples. Seek to discern how God might be beckoning you to partner with him more fully in this great endeavor.

Question: How can we as a group encourage you in this and keep you accountable to what God is leading you into?