



SMALL GROUP LEADERS: - Remember Prayer is your greatest preparation!

Your group's success depends less on you than you might think and more on God than you realize. It's not about your abilities, your personality traits, or getting extensive training. It is about what Jesus said:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me." [John 15:5]

So pray, and trust God to do great things in your group!

Ice Breaker (Pick 1 to answer as a group)

- What events and occasions did your family celebrate a lot growing up?
- What is your favorite holiday celebration?

Into the Word:

1) If Matt only had time to talk about 2 points from this message, what would you tell him to be sure and include? Why?

Read I Corinthians 2:6-16

2) Why are the "rulers of this age" coming to nothing?

3) What is the Spirit's work in helping us perceive the value of God in Christ?

4) Verses 14-16 are about how we "evaluate" things spiritually with the "mind of Christ." What do you think it means to have the "mind of Christ"?

Teaching Tip: This passage is all about how we assign value by learning to think with the mind of Christ. Help your group understand that our thinking is guided by our values. We learn to think like Christ by spending time in His word and asking the Spirit to reveal its truths to us.

Apply the Word:

5) In the message, Matt said 3 things can influence our values: culture, a crisis, or heaven. How can you let heaven have more influence over your values?

6) Share one value in your life that needs to be less important to you and one that needs to be more important to you.

7) In Revelation 19:8b we see that "righteous acts of the saints" are celebrated in heaven. Where does this encourage you to be more faithful or to endure or to be more consistent? *Teaching Tip: Help your group to think beyond morality, ethics, and decent behavior. Help them to also think in terms of living sent--doing good works that display the value of God.*

Prayer Time:

Two suggested sentence prayer:

- *God, I want to be faithful and bold in the following "righteous act" which you have called me to do: _____. Give me your strength for this.*
- *God, forgive me for not valuing _____ more. Help me to value what you value.*