

DNA GUIDE

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ESSENTIALS

WEEK 1: Anatomy of our Gatherings

DISCOVER (PRE-WORK)

Before and while you read these passages ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of his truth for your life. Take some time during your own personal study to read through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What Has God Done (how do I see God's character in action here)?
3. Who Am I (How does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What Do I Do (if I believe 1-3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

Scripture: Ephesians 5:18-21, Colossians 3

QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?

NURTURE

Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.

In light of this week's sermon, consider these questions together:

1. Which part(s) of Sunday gatherings do you approach more like a customer/critic (Does this match my preferences/How does it make me feel?) instead of family member (How can I serve the body? How can I help others be connected to the family?)
2. Does the word "liturgy" evoke a positive, negative, or neutral response in you? Why?

3. If a Sunday gathering is telling one “story” of the gospel narrative, why would habitually missing the beginning of the story be detrimental? What would be the net effect on a believer that focused on gaining information on Sundays and not transformation of the heart? How would other Christians and non-believers experience that person in normal everyday life?
4. Are you prone to thinking the basics of Christianity are for someone else? Why is the gospel the A-Z of our faith and not just the ABC of what we believe?

During this time, let each person share how or where they need to repent and believe the truth of God revealed to them in Jesus. You may need to guide each other to what is true of God and ourselves in light of what Jesus has done. For instance, someone may be experiencing a great deal of dryness or emptiness in their relationship with God. They may need to be reminded that God wants to satisfy the deep thirst of their soul with the living water that Jesus has to offer. The call to repent may look like turning away (repent) from empty sources or corrupt sources that they have been depending up and turning to Jesus (believe) to be the unending supply of soul water. Use this time for confessing out loud the wrong sources and calling out in prayer for God the Father to pour His love into their hearts through his Spirit as they turn to Jesus for help.

QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel?

ACT

In light of your time together, what steps will you take to act on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?

Consider these questions:

1. What’s one thing you can do to be more present and participatory in the gatherings on Sundays?
2. Where is there an environment you could start enjoying your favorite Gospel music during the week?
3. What are ways you can invest in/enrich your community life on Sundays? (sitting together, communion together, brunch afterwards, etc)

QUESTION: What will you DO and who will you TELL about what God has done?