



Discipleship Pathways Leader Guide

HOW'S LIFE?

Begin every community group by getting to know each other. The purpose is to build **Christian Community**. We want everyone to know that they are loved and cared for. (If your group already does a good job of this feel free to start the video. Just make sure to make anyone who is new feel welcome)

1. An Example could be "How's your week/ How's you walk?"
2. When you finish going through everyone and seeing how their week has been- *PRAY!* (Pray for God to lead and guide the time in his Word)

VIDEO

Watch the 10-15 minute video

I would recommend to watch the video beforehand, that way you are prepared and can facilitate the group well.

The purpose of this is to provide **Christian Teaching**. As a disciple is a learner, we are to spend time in our lives learning more and strengthening our relationship with God.

DISCUSSION TIME

Discuss the Video:

As the leader your job is to guide the group in discussion. The purpose is to foster an environment for **Christian Discipleship**. A study guide is available for each session at ihopecchurch.com to help with this. Print out one for each person. (Have questions ready to ask- the best questions are ones that are *thoughtful, clear and meaningful*)

Discuss the Bible:

The video discussion may be long or it may be short. With every week there will be a *Main Passage* (ex. 1 Cor 15) and there will be passages you are encouraged to read throughout the week (ex. Rom 1-8, Galatians). **Read and Discuss** the Main Passage or a passage that applies to the topic. (Again this requires you to be prepared to talk about the passage)



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APPLICATION

A Community Group is not finished until everyone has a way to apply it. Being a Christian means we are seeking to apply the Word of God to our lives. (James 1:22) The purpose of **Christian Discipleship** is to give tangible ways we can apply the truth of scripture within a loving community that holds us accountable.

Good Application is:

1. Clear- You know exactly what you must do
2. Specific- Not "I will love God more" rather, rather "I will show my love for God by spending 10 minutes a day in prayer before my daily devotions"
3. Christ-like- The goal is to live like Christ lived

It may seem awkward at first, but in sharing our application we hold one another accountable. When you meet again the following time it is your job as the leader to ask the question "How did it work in applying what we learned last week?"

Why?

1. Encourages others to live out their faith!
2. If the person didn't apply something this week, it allows us to ask questions, "What made it hard to apply this...." "What could you have done different..?" (Remember the goal is to be more like Christ. We don't demand perfection; we want growth.

PRAYER & THANKS

EVERYONE can either ask God for help or thank Him for what he is doing in their lives. Go around the group and share what prayer requests you have (There is power in Prayer!). And share the gratitude you have to God (There is encouragement in Thanks!). The purpose is to build **Christian Community** and **Christian Discipleship**.

ACCESS

How to Access the Material:

Study Guides- Found at ihopechurch.com->

Connection (Tab)-> Discipleship Pathways

Video- Youtube "iHope Community Church"

"Discipleship Pathways" (Playlist)