
LEADERSHIP COACHING: THE DIFFERENCE JESUS MAKES

Discipleship Phrase: God, what are you inviting me into?

Big Idea for Series: When we surrender our lives to Jesus, He transforms everything.

Abiding [grow as a disciple yourself]

The topic this week is parenting. Now while this will not apply to everyone physically, it can spiritually. Leaders may find it best to be mindful of those in their group who might struggle with this topic. The takeaway this week is, Jesus changes my expectations of me as a parent. This opens the group up to discussing plans of parents. What are the plans you have as a parent, both physically and spiritually for those that God has entrusted into your care?

Leading [learn to facilitate your group more effectively]

If you didn't know, this is the last week that the Discipleship team is providing curriculum for small groups in 2019. Curriculum will be returning the week prior to Sunday, January 19th, 2020 which will also be the soft launch of small groups for the next season. That said during the holiday break, do not miss the opportunity to continue being an Intentional leader. That simply means doing things with purpose and meaning with regard to the growth of yourself and your group members. Press into these relationships, even more so during the holiday break. This will help sustain the momentum and traction of your group until you resume your regular meetings again in January. Lead strong.

Shepherding [know the sheep, feed the sheep, lead the sheep, protect the sheep]

Staying on the topic of intentional leadership, leaders must always seek to leverage every possible opportunity for spiritual growth and guidance of those in their group as often as possible. That said, since there will be no curriculum following this week, please make effort to rally your group up next week to come join the Peek & Pray opportunity! It's a chance for you and your group to take a brief tour of the worship center, tour it and pray in it as well! Be intentional, make a night out of it! Have dinner together then head over! Click [here](#) to sign up now. Create relational environments! Live sent.

Background Plus[®] [a deeper dive into the context of this week's story]

- The best introduction to the Book of 1 Samuel expresses in one declarative sentence the full scope of that which characterized God's Chosen People: "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes." -- Judges 21:25
- First Samuel chronicles the beginning of Israel's monarchy, following the lives of the prophet Samuel, the ill-fated King Saul, and God's ultimate choice of David as king.
- There are 4 predominant theological themes in 1 and 2 Samuel: the first is the Davidic Covenant, second is the sovereignty of God; the third is the work of the Holy Spirit in empowering men for appointed tasks; the fourth demonstrates the personal and national effects of sin.

REMEMBER: *Every group deserves a great leader.*

WEEK 3 - TOPIC: PARENTING

TAKEAWAY: JESUS CHANGES MY EXPECTATIONS OF ME AS A PARENT.

Open in Prayer

Welcome/Introductions [Share the topic & takeaway this week from above]

Review the Guidelines [Share the guidelines to set the rails for group time]

Look Ahead [Be intentional about staying connected]

Discuss some ways that your group can remain connected/relational throughout the holiday break.

Ask A Hook Question [A thought-provoking question to get the group focused]

Are you a big planner/goal setter or do you just let life come to you?

Share Background for the Story [Provide context to the story from the Bible]

Because a Hebrew man's posterity was bound up in his having a son to perpetuate his name, his wife's inability to conceive a son was regarded as a curse from God - according to Deuteronomy 7.13. But Hannah's barrenness did not diminish her husband's, Elkanah, love for her. In fact, he gave her twice what he gave his second wife, Peninnah, when they took their offerings to the Lord at Shiloh. This, of course, was a source of discord between the two.

Share the Story: [1 Samuel 1:9-28](#) [Volunteer from last week shares the story]

Rebuild the Story [Invites everyone to engage]

Read from Scripture [Read out loud to see if anything was added or omitted]

Discussion Questions: [Dive deeper, beyond the surface]

1. In Hannah's life, what really matters? Explain how.
2. How do you seek God's plan for those you love (or how did those who love you, seek it out for you)? How has that impacted you?
3. What issues in your parenting (physical or spiritual) are you trying to control rather than trusting God in?
4. Name some areas in your life that were once barren but are now blessed. Who in your life needs to hear your story of God's faithfulness and how can you commit to sharing that with them?

Next Week: Click [here](#), sign your group up for a time next week to Peek & Pray in the Worship Center!

Prayer Requests [Record, share & follow up throughout the week]

Closing Prayer [Ask openly for a volunteer]
