

What do I want?

Part 3 Discussion Guide

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1/3 - Looking Back

Start with prayer and/or worship (reading a Psalm, singing a song, giving thanks, etc.). Re-cast the vision (see example video at www.jesusisthevision.com), review obedience goals from the previous week, and ask how everybody is doing. Check-in question options:

- Up/In/Out – How are you doing in your three primary relational spheres? (Up: God. In: fellow believers and family. Out: unbelievers)
- Highs/Lows: What was your “high” and your “low” from the past week?

2/3 - Looking to Jesus in the Present

Explore this Scripture passage together: Matthew 13:44

- As the facilitator, first read the passages aloud and invite the other members of the group to just listen and take note of what stands out to them. You may want to read this more than once.
- Discuss the question: “what do we learn from these passages about who God is and what He does?”
- Discuss the question: “what do we learn from these passages about who we are and what we do?”
- Alternative question: “what do we learn from this passage about the relationship between desire and discipline?”

3/3 - Looking Forward

Ask Jesus how he wants you to respond (corporately and individually) to what you have heard and learned. You can also practice the following exercise:

- Sit quietly together in Jesus’ presence and ask yourself the question, “When have I felt the most desire for God? What was I doing?” Pay special attention to whatever memories or thoughts surface in your mind, and remain open to however the Spirit may want to speak to you through them. When you are ready, ask Jesus what kind of discipline(s) He wants you to be practicing in this season, to cultivate your desire for Him and His kingdom. After some time of listening and personal reflection, share your thoughts with one another as a group. End your time by praying together, asking Jesus to continue bringing your desires into alignment with His!