

APPRENTICE TO LEADER

Session 3: Sit at the feet of Jesus – Inner Life/Devotion (OIA)

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HEARING GODS WORD

Our hope is that our small groups will be places where students hear God's Word and learn how to put it into action. One way that we lead our small groups into HEARING God's Word is through inductive bible study (O.I.A.). The Bible holds the foundations of who we are as believers and it is the direct way that we learn more of who God is and how we should act in light of Him. OIA is a great tool that will not only allow you to lead your small group through scripture but it will also give you a greater ability to read scripture on your own and it will better equip you to lead non-believers through scripture as well.

Today you will prep and lead an inductive bible study using the "observe, interpret, apply" method. You will read the passage below and study it together using OIA.

PREPPING OIA

(10 minutes on your own)

Read through the passage carefully on your own. Make **observations** about *what is happening* in the passage, and then start **interpreting** *what the passage means*. Once you have worked through O and I come up with an **application** question that addresses a way we should apply the passage to our lives. Now that you have your application question, you can work backward to write out an observation question and a couple interpretation questions that will point people to the application. These questions should be discussion starters that help others understand what the passage means so that they can practically apply it to their life.

OIA Passage

(10 minutes)

1A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 4Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. 5When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

6Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7"Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

8Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? 9Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? 10But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, 11"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 12He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

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DEBRIEF

(15 minutes together)

Answer the questions below together as a group. Everyone share for every question.

- What were you feeling as you were leading the bible study? How did it go?
- What did you learn about yourself and your ability to lead a bible study?
- We can only lead people to the things we are following. As leaders we need to be following Jesus daily so that we can lead others to Him. How can you "Sit at the feet of Jesus" daily? How will you connect with Jesus (be specific)?
- Who are 2-3 non-Christians friends you have, that can "practice" OIA with? (Write their names below)
- CHALLENGE: Practice OIA with one non-Christian friend this week. Tell them you are learning how to lead a bible study and you would like to practice with them. Doing OIA with our non-Christian friends is a powerful way to share Jesus with them by simply inviting them to look at who the Bible says He is. Through doing this we can also share the ways that His word has impacted our life, and invite them to take deeper steps into a relationship with Him.