

APPRENTICE TO LEADER

Session 5: Invite others into true life – Evangelism

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INVITING TO LIFE

John 4: "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water"

Simply put: The work of Jesus in the world is to offer living water to people drinking from a stagnant well. This was always the mark of Jesus' ministry, and it should be the same mark for ours. Jesus couldn't help himself; he "had to go through Samaria". He had to offer living water. Jesus was the first missionary, calling people to be in right relationship with the father, and offering life to a dying world. Does this mark your life as well? Jesus has placed you in communities and relationships on campus so that you can offer living water. If people only knew who it is that offer them water, they would drink. Who is going to tell them who it is? Your mission is just this; to proclaim the messiah to the campus, and offer the living water of the Gospel.

REFLECT

(Take 10 minutes)

Take a couple minutes to write down your answers below and then discuss your answers together.

- How have you played a part in God's mission throughout your life?

- Your faith in Jesus is the result of other people engaging in God's mission (even if you grew up in a Christian home a some point someone in your family heard about Jesus and passed that on to you). Who are some of these people who affected your life by engaging in Mission? Share how they invited you "into life in Jesus".

PRACTICE YOUR STORY

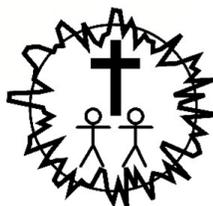
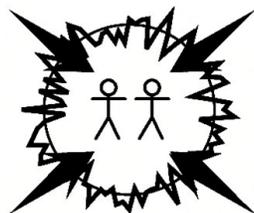
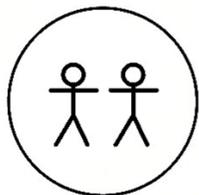
(Take 2 minutes each person)

Practice your story. We have to be in touch with the way we first drank from the well of Living Water. Being connected to where we have been is one of the great influencers of where we are going. Turn to your partner try and communicate your story (testimony) in 2 minutes.

PRACTICE THE BIG STORY

(Take 2 minutes each person)

First get familiar with the four parts of the Big Story. Then take a few minutes and share The Big Story with your partner(s).



Answer this question after: How does your story intersect the Gods Big Story?

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THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

(Take 10 minutes)

Brainstorm together, write down any ideas you have. How could your small group community invite others into true life without ever planning an outreach event? (I.E.-GIG's: A one-on-one bible study with a non-believer)

DEBRIEF

(20 minutes together)

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

- How do you feel about leading others into God's mission? What scares you? What excites you?
- What have you learned about the value of "Invite others into true life: Evangelism"?
- What did you learn about the value of your story, and how it connects with God's Story.
- What next steps could you take to develop a culture of Invitation and Evangelism? How can you start now in your current small group?