

EASTER

A New Day

WEEKS 5-7. MOVING TOWARDS EASTER

The first four Easter curriculum lessons were designed to grow us in learning how to help those around us encounter Jesus. We know how overwhelming sharing about Jesus can be at times so we wanted to go slow and to help folks take it a step at a time. Each lesson built on the preceding one (so definitely go through those first if you have not yet) and included three key elements:

- 1) Discovery Bible Study (DBS): to provide a model for how we can lead others to encounter Jesus through scripture for themselves.
- 2) Practical Outreach Training: to prepare us to be able to share stories about Jesus.
- 3) Prayer: to help us commit to praying for those around us.

In the remaining weeks until Easter (April 16), we are not going to be providing step-by-step curriculum as we have over the last four weeks. Instead, we want to invite you to consider what your lifegroup most needs as folks continue in this process. Feel free to go through the lessons again and to pick out the pieces that you feel would be most beneficial for your group, or revisit sections that you did not have time for.

We recommend using the same basic structure:

- 1) DBS: feel free to choose stories about Jesus that you like or ones you think your folks would be able to use if they led someone through a DBS.
 - a) Basic DBS questions:
 - i) What strikes you from this story and why?
 - ii) What do we learn about Jesus?
 - iii) What do we learn about ourselves?
 - iv) What can we apply from this passage this week?
- 2) Practical Training: continuing to practice tools such sharing our own encounters in 2-3 minutes, 15-second testimonies, and segueing into courageous conversations will only help us better jump into these when the opportunities arise.
- 3) Prayer: let's keep committing to asking God how we can be praying for those on our prayer maps and praying for each other's friends.
- 4) Outreach Plan: with only a few weeks left, let's encourage our folks to make practical plans for how they will have courageous conversations with those around them and to invite these people to encounter Jesus (either through sharing their personal testimonies, going through a DBS, or inviting them to Easter Sunday).

Or you might even consider some sort of alternative activity:

- 1) Prayer and Worship Night: to take an extended time to pray for each other and for those on our prayer maps.
- 2) Bonding/Fun Nights: to continue building relationships in our lifegroups even as we consider inviting new folks to join.
- 3) Cancelling Lifegroup: so folks have extra space to intentionally meet with those on their prayer maps.

God is definitely at work around us drawing people close to him! Let's keep committing to praying for and reaching out to those on our prayer maps and paying attention to what opportunities God might bring us throughout our weeks. It's going to be a fun Easter season!