



WEEK ONE // John 7:14-52

OVERVIEW

Today's message is call to recognize the often-unexpected ways God moves in our lives and an Easter Challenge to devote some time to reading God's word and exploring it with others community.

DISCUSS

What are some of the unexpected things you have experienced in the last 5 years?

Read the following passage(s) out loud together: John 7:14-52

What are some of the unexpected things God has done in your life?

What are some of the barriers your face in seeing God move in the unexpected?

What areas of God's word do you feel most unfamiliar with?

Where in your life does God's leading seem super clear? And where does it feel foggy?

Will any of you be taking the Easter challenge? If so, what will that look like practically for you?

Did anything else stand out from this weeks message?

A PRACTICE TO SHARE IN YOUR WEAKNESSES

One of the strongest ways to build community with others is to be honest with where you are weak and need help. Unfortunately, sharing our weaknesses can be quite difficult for many people. Below is a simple practice to help your group grow in your vulnerability.

- Sit in a circle.
- Going one at a time have everyone share a physical weakness/pain they are currently feeling. (Everyone should avoid long answers for this practice, brevity and honesty are the goal).
 - i.e. back pain, headaches, etc.
- After each person shares, recite as a group in unison, "Lord Jesus help us."
- Go around the circle until everyone has shared a physical weakness/pain.
- Go back around the circle and have everyone share a relational pain/weakness.
- Once again, have the entire group say "Lord Jesus help us" after each person shares.
- Once everyone shares a relational pain/weakness, you will go around one more time.
 - i.e. relationship with: co-worker, friend, family member
- This time have everyone share a character weakness and recite "Lord Jesus help us" each time once again.
 - i.e. impatience, anger, greed, etc.
- Once everyone has shared, have someone conclude in prayer, asking God to meet your group in your weaknesses.