



Discussion Guide

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Life Shared

Small Group Series

Discussion Guide

Session

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Join His Heart

Discussion Time

10 MINS

01

What feelings or thoughts come up for you around this idea of sharing your faith?

Discussion Time

10 MINS

02

What stood out to you from what Jon shared? What inspired and challenged you?

Discussion Time

25 MINS

03

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

What do these verses tell us about evangelism?

Have you ever had a moment in conversation where you felt like you stepped into what God was already up to?

What prevents you from slowing down and noticing God and people more?

Why do you think our culture has such a negative perception of the word “evangelism?”

What excites you about sharing your faith?
What makes you nervous about sharing your faith?

Can you share a time when you were inspired by radical hospitality?

How can we practice the art of hospitality more frequently and effectively in our context?

Application

Take a moment to write down the names of three people in your life who don't yet know Jesus, and spend some time praying for them in groups.

Name 1 _____

Name 2 _____

Name 3 _____



You're Invited

Discussion Time

10 MINS **01**

How do you feel about the idea that God wants to partner with you?

Discussion Time

10 MINS **02**

What stood out to you from what Danielle shared? What inspired and challenged you?

Discussion Time

25 MINS **03**

Read Acts 1:8

What fears come up when you think about God wanting to use you to reach others?

In what way(s) does the Holy Spirit empower us to share our faith?

What do you think about the idea that God can use unlikely people?

Have there been times when you have viewed people as projects? What do you think Danielle meant by that statement? Have you seen evangelism practiced like this?

When it comes to the idea of God using us to reach others, what kind of unnecessary pressure do we put on ourselves?

Think back to the person that God used in your life to invite you into a relationship with Him. What made their witness so compelling and attractive to you?

What would it look like for you to change your posture by asking the questions that Danielle suggested like, "How can I serve? How can I love? How can I connect?" in your local context?

Application

Spend some time as a group or in smaller groups of two or three, praying that the Holy Spirit would give you:

Love (Romans 5:5)

Boldness (Acts 4:29)

Fearlessness (Romans 8:15-17)

Power (Ephesians 3:14-21)

Wisdom and Opportunity (Colossians 4:2-6)



Take a Step

Discussion Time

10 MINS

01

What comes to mind when you think about practical steps to sharing your faith?

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10 MINS

02

What stood out to you from what Jay shared? What inspired and challenged you?

Discussion Time

25 MINS

03

Read Luke 10:25-37

How does the story of the Good Samaritan connect with what Jay shared in the session?

Do we define neighbour in our culture differently than Jesus defines neighbour?

Praying for people by name, getting to know your neighbours, extending an invitation etc. These are all things that you can do. What would it look like to take the next step in any one of these areas as a group or individually?

Jay made the statement that, "Evangelism moving forward will be mostly worked out and lived out through hospitality." What do think about that statement?

Why do you think meals were such a significant part of Jesus' ministry?

Given your own context, what are some practical ways you can get to know your neighbours?

Are there needs in your group that you can start to meet in a practical way, together?

Application

As a group, commit to take a step towards sharing your faith. You might find it helpful to write it down.

I commit to:

Examples:

- *Invite a friend to Alpha*
- *Learn the name of a neighbour*
- *Host a meal at your house with your neighbourhood*
- *Take a co-worker to lunch*
- *Write a note of encouragement to a friend who doesn't know Jesus*

Before closing, spend some time praying for one another for courage and boldness to share your lives and your faith with others.



The Impact of Invitation

Discussion Time

10 MINS **01**

Can you think of a time when an invitation profoundly impacted your life? Have you ever felt compelled to extend an invitation? How did it go?

Discussion Time

25 MINS **03**

How is God calling you to participate in His transformation in the lives of those around you?

As you reflect, take time to pray together for specific people in your life that come to mind.

Discussion Time

10 MINS **02**

What stood out to you from Father Simon's teaching? What practical tools and suggestions did you find most helpful for invitation?

Application

Read John 15:16

After reading John 15:16, take some time to reflect on what fruit God may be calling you to produce.

Which of the 5 steps to walking with someone on their faith journey do you relate to the most and why?

What has impacted you the most in this session?

How will you now step out and have a faith conversation in your daily life?

God wants to use you to help another person move forward in their faith journey.

Do you have specific people in mind who could be desiring Jesus?

Take a moment to ask God who they may be, and then pray for them.