

Preaching to the Choir - The Word

John 14:21-24; Psalm 19:7-11

Icebreaker: How did you practice BLESS this week?

Discussion: For group discussion to be fruitful and engaging for everyone in your group, make sure that your discussion groups are not larger than 4 people. If possible, break up into groups of 2 or 3.

Larger Group: (5 minutes)

- Welcome everyone
- Introduce the direction for the evening.
 - Read John 1:1-2; 14, the starting place for this discussion is that Jesus is the Word of God! He is the full expression of God in human flesh!
 - Our goal is to recognize and value Jesus in every book of the Bible and obey all that he teaches us to be and do!
 - “Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.”--Luke 24:26-27
- Prepare to break into smaller groups

Smaller Groups (20-25 minutes) Give the following instructions and break into small groups (2-3 people).

Have someone read John 14:21-24. Jesus claims that having (knowing) and keeping (obeying) His word is an expression of our love for Him!

- How can Jesus make that claim?
- What do you do that helps you to know and obey the commands of Jesus?
- How are some ways that you are getting more of Jesus’ words in you?
- When you read the Scriptures, what are some ways that Jesus is revealing himself to you?
- When you obey what Jesus tells you, how does that obedience help you know and love Jesus more?

Have someone read Psalm 19:7-11. The Psalmist treasures God and His word and encourages us to do the same!

- What are some reasons that you find it difficult to read and engage with God’s word?
- How do the words in this passage of Scripture motivate you to read the Bible?
- How has obeying the Scriptures helped to make God’s word more clear to you?
- What is God leading you to do, through his word, that you are not doing?
 - Why not?
 - How can we help you to obey God?

(see more on next page)

Larger Group:

Return to larger group to give summary of your discussion in smaller groups (5-10 minutes)

How does acknowledging your limitations, vulnerabilities and weaknesses help you communicate the gospel to your friends and family?

Allow time to pray for the lost, end with B.L.E.S.S. (10-15 minutes)

Where are group members in the B.L.E.S.S. process? Model for them how to answer briefly, for example:

"I'm praying for _____".

"I have been having good conversations with

_____. "I'm having lunch with _____
on
_____ (day of the week)."

Closing prayer - (2-5-minutes)