

Crossing Barriers

A Discovery Group Tool

The Bible is filled with stories that reflect God's long-term mission of reconciliation—God reconciled to people, as well as people to each other, regardless of social status, ethnicity, or personal history. This Discovery Group tool explores the barriers God has crossed to reach us and our call to cross those barriers as well.

Go over one topic per meeting

Passage

John 4:1-26
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 7:36-50
Ephesians 2:11-22
John 7:53-8:11
Philemon 1-25
James 2:1-13
1 John 4:7-21
Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Revelation 7:9-12

Discovery Group Questions

SHARE

- What are you THANKFUL for?
- What's a CHALLENGE right now?
- Pray for each other.
- How did you do with your last "I will" statement?
- Who did you share with?

DISCOVERY (H.O.P.E.)

HEAR FROM GOD

- READ the passage.
- Have someone RETELL it in their own words.

OBSERVE WHAT HE SAID

1. What STANDS OUT to you?
2. What do you learn about GOD/JESUS?
3. What do you learn about PEOPLE?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

- How can you put into action what God is showing you in this text? Everyone creates an "I will _____" STATEMENT.

ENCOURAGE SOMEONE

- Who are you going to tell about what you discovered in this text this week?

TIPS

1. Ask questions, don't teach.
2. Focus on applying what is discovered.
3. Try to stay in the passage.
4. Pass on leadership. After a couple times, invite others to facilitate.
5. Multiply. Which current members could start a group of their own?

