



FOUNDRY GROUP GUIDE

Week of October 3, 2021

Season 1 : Identity

What Does it Mean to be a Disciple of Jesus?

[Missed Community Night? Click here to watch last week's Message.](#)

OPEN WITH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, remind us that your grace not only saves us and forgives us, but also changes us from the inside out. In this time of reflection and conversation, may your Holy Spirit guide us toward your Living Word, so that we can be transformed into the image of your Son, Jesus Christ. It's in his name that we live, we hope, and we pray, Amen.

INTRODUCE YOURSELVES & CATCH UP

Anybody here for the first time? Do introductions so everybody is familiar. Catch up on prayer requests from your last gathering or quickly check in with everyone to see what has happened since you last met.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:23-5:2

John 14:21-26

DISCUSSION

Who do you go to for advice or instruction when you face an obstacle or a new opportunity in your life? Why do you go to that person (or those people)?

DISCUSSION CONTINUED

Parker suggested that the challenge for Christians today is to obey Jesus as a Teacher and not just believe in him as a Savior.

Why do you think it's easier for us to believe in Jesus as someone who forgives our sins rather than someone we should obey?

Think about a time when you intentionally responded or reacted to a person or situation according to Jesus' teachings. (Maybe you offered forgiveness without being asked. Maybe you sought justice or peace for another person who couldn't do it by themselves. Maybe you sacrificed your own preferences or desires so that another person could get what they needed.)

Reflect on that experience and share it with others: how hard was it to follow Jesus' lead rather than your own in that moment? How do you think the outcome would have been different if you had followed your natural instinct?

Parker listed several areas where Jesus the teacher could impact our lives in major ways: in our careers, in our families, in our churches.

What is one area of your life where you think Jesus' teachings could be more of a priority? What is one thing you could commit to doing in the next two weeks that allows the teachings of Jesus to impact that area of your life?

CHECK IN

Take some time to let people share what's going on in their lives (talk about the good/bad, celebrations/concerns, God sightings & prayer concerns).

The group facilitator should make note of any prayer concerns that are shared and send them out to the group after the meeting for group members to pray over throughout the week.

WRAP UP

Mark Your Calendars:

- Discuss the next day & time your FounDry Group will meet
- Next FounDry gatherings:
 - Community Night #3 - October 12 at 6:30pm at Alamo Heights UMC
 - Fall Social Event - Saturday, October 16, 3-5pm at University UMC

Close with prayer!