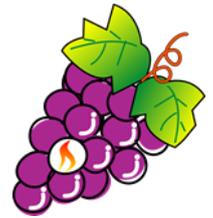




LIFE GROUP PLANNING



Aim of session:

What might God want to say to the group?

Why is Jesus different from any other king?

Key Scriptures

If you have access to a commentary read some background to get context.

1 Samuel 8v1-17.

Mark 10v45, John 14v27, John10v10

Rev 1v8, Luke19v5, Matt6v8

Warm Up

Who is/was your favourite political leader?

What made them good?

Who is your worst? (try to avoid Hitler/Putin etc)

What do you see as necessary qualities/virtues of the "perfect" leader?

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

1. Read the 1 Samuel passage. It is clear that ancient kings took a lot from their people. Is that true for modern national leaders? How do they take?
2. In what way does Jesus give instead of taking? (Mk10/John14/John10) can you find other examples?
3. Modern leaders are generally flawed, how is Jesus different? (Rev 1v8, Luke19v5, Matt 6v8)

Growing in discipleship: Practical application

4. Make a list of scriptures that you know/ or ideas from the Bible if you don't know exact scripture... that show how Jesus was sent to rescue humanity from sin.
5. Find one that you don't know off by heart, teach each other the scripture, learn it together.
6. Connect some scriptures to the following ideas that is a structure for sharing the gospel.
Our problem (Sin/ self righteousness) The remedy (Jesus dying) New life (Spirit filled)



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.