Reboot

Week 4 Group Guide

June 26-27, 2021

The goal of our group is to multiply a healthy group through disciple-making. A disciple is one who loves and obeys Jesus.

Conversation Starter: What was the last thing that you lost? Did you find it?

<u>Up:</u>

Spend time worshipping God together by singing together or reading a Psalm. Worship link: https://xr.church/life-groups/life-group-guide/

<u>In:</u> .

- Last week we made an "I will" statement regarding being led by the Spirit. Was there a way that this happened in your week?
- Share a high and low of your week.

Out: Eating with a person of peace.

Recently, we have been praying for a "person of peace." A "person of peace" is a term Jesus uses in Matthew 10 when he sends his disciples to share their message about the Kingdom of God. For us, a person of peace might be someone who is open to spiritual conversations about God. As we see in scripture when people eat together, God works!

Who is a person you will invite to eat with you this week? One of the most important things we can do as we eat with others is to ask good questions and listen to them.

Hearing and Obeying.

A disciple is one who loves and obeys Jesus. We want hear God saying to us through scripture and put it into action. Today, we will use Colossians 2 to explore the meaning of our baptism.

Study it

Read Colossians 2:9-15

- What speaks to you from this passage?
- According to Jewish custom, males that are 8 days old are circumcised to mark their inclusion in God's family. Christians commemorate this instead through baptism. How does this help us to understand verses 11 and 12?
- According to 13-15, what does it mean to be "alive in Christ"?
- Read the response of people who had just heard the Gospel message in Acts 2:37-39. Why is baptism such an integral part of the process of following Jesus?

Make it Personal

• What about baptism is meaningful to you (forgiveness, inclusion in God's family, we can't save ourselves, participation in the life of Christ)? If you've ever been

baptized, how do these passages about baptism help you to appreciate that moment?

- Infant baptism reminds us that we are dependent on God's grace and unable to save ourselves. What's a way you have tried to "save" yourself rather than being dependent on God?
- Jesus didn't come to make bad people good, but dead people live. Talk about a time that you were spiritually "dead" and disconnected from God. How did Jesus give you new life?
- Break up into pairs. Repentance is a process that begins by recognizing any ways that we are living apart from God's will. Ask God to show you anything that interferes in your relationship with Him. Pray for one another to live into the forgiveness that is offered in Christ.

If you feel called to take the step to be baptized or reaffirming your baptism, let us know at *xr.church/baptism.*

Life Group Training Camp August 6-7. Every year, the Steelers train together for one thing: winning the Lombardi Trophy. Every week, our Life Group's meet for one reason: to know Christ.

This "training camp" will help equip us to have life-changing groups that regularly hear from God, grow in spiritual health, and find our calling.

Come with as many in your Life Group as you can! If you're not yet a part of one, this will be the perfect chance to get plugged in. Register for your spot at *xr.church/ trainingcamp*.