

# GROWTH GROUP BRIEFING NOTES

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Title:  
*Responsibility For  
Discipleship*  
Speaker:  
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Welcome to this week's GG Briefing Notes! Thanks for leading this discussion in your group. Do pray that God uses it to help everyone in your group become more like Jesus.

We have suggested below some things to aim for in your discussion. Please don't just read this sheet out to the group! Decide before you start how you'll work towards each aim. Which of our questions will you use (you may not need all of them) – or can you think of better ones? What kind of answers will you be hoping to get from each question?

As you ask questions, keep the aim in mind, and only give hints if you have to. Don't forget to make sure everyone in the group is involved.

# 1

## **Aim**

**To get to know each other better and think about how we are disciplined.**

## **Some Possible Questions**

Ask everyone to answer: When is the time that you have felt most disciplined in your Christian faith?

(What did you do? Why was it helpful? What were the outcomes?)

What are the common themes in our answers?

(Celebrate the diversity in the group if there aren't any!)

## **Hints**

If you are a big group it may be helpful to split into smaller groups, but this can be a powerful time to understand people's experiences more and take time to listen well to each other, so you might want to stay together.

# 2

## **Aim**

**To respond to the question from the preach: What one thing could you do or change in your life that would help you to grow as a disciple?**

## **Some Possible Questions**

Split into twos and threes and help each other answer the question: What one thing could you do or change in your life that would help you to grow as a disciple?

Some helpful prompt questions: What aspect of being a disciple do you feel most challenged by? Is there something God is stirring/challenging you about? What plan can you make? How are you going to start? What is most likely to hinder you (priorities, passivity, or poor preparation)? How can we help you to do it?

Pray for each other in the twos and threes.

Set a date in about 3-4 months' time to feed back how the things you've decided to do have gone/are going.

## **Hints**

It might be helpful to give out the question slips on the next page.

# 3

## **Aim**

**To think about our motivation for growth (important!)**

## **Some Possible Questions**

What do you think will have changed in 3-4 months' time if everyone has taken one action to grow as a disciple?

What do you think would look different in your growth group?

Do you want to grow in these ways? Why – what motivates you? (Be honest!)

What gospel-motivation will help you each put into practice what you've decided to do?

Pray that God will be glorified more through the actions you take. This could lead into a time of worship.

## **Hints**

Make sure everyone feels encouraged, challenged and well supported. Make sure that people are motivated by the gospel and not just a desire to be the best Bible reader!

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