

TALK IT OVER

Changing the World Together: Love Your Neighbor

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Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group or use one of these.

Can you think of a difficult moment in your life that taught you a big lesson? Please share this.

Please read **Matthew 3:13-19** aloud.

- How did Jesus start building the group and what kind of a relationship do you think the apostles had with Him?

Please read **Luke 9: 52-56** aloud.

- How have you seen calm and grace inspire others to rise to their best, even in difficult moments?

1 Thessalonians 5:14 MSG

"We appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, to instruct those who are not in their place of battle. Be skilled at gently encouraging those who feel themselves inadequate. Be faithful to stand your ground. Help the weak to stand again. Be quick to demonstrate patience with everyone."

- What is one specific step you can take this week to live that out with someone who's going through a rough time?

Please read **Mark 14:32-34** aloud.

- In the above passage, Jesus tells His closest friends that His soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. What does Jesus' willingness to share His deepest pain with His friends teach us about true friendship - and how might that challenge the way we open up to others today?

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Start Praying: Be bold and pray with power.

Lord, we thank You for the example of Jesus, who welcomed others fully into His life. Help us to be bold in inviting others in sharing not just the easy moments, but also the hardest parts. Inspire us to lift one another up, just as You do, so that we reflect Your love and grace. Give us the humility to let others help us, and the courage to be real. May our friendships be a light, guiding each other toward hope in You. Amen.

Leader: Make time to pray for and with each other. Break into groups of three, take time for healing prayer or pray with individuals requesting prayer. This is important!

Things to think about this Week:

Galatians 6:1-3 MSG

Live creatively, friends. If someone falls into sin, forgivingly restore him, saving your critical comments for yourself. You might be needing forgiveness before the day's out. Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law. If you think you are too good for that, you are badly deceived.

Paul reminds us that showing up is not optional - it is Christlike love in action.