

LEADING EFFECTIVE DISCUSSIONS

SESSION 3

REVIEW THE HOMEWORK:

Debrief journals in groups of 3-4:

- What did you find easiest in journaling?
- What did you find most difficult?
- What did you learn about your underlying heart idols?
- What truth about God is most meaningful to you right now?

WHAT MAKES A DISCUSSION EFFECTIVE?

PRINCIPLES FOR LEADING AN EFFECTIVE DISCUSSION:

PRINCIPLE #1: *Know WHY you're here.*

What is the goal of Small Groups?

PRINCIPLE #2: *PREPARE.*

Pray

- Process the Text
- Process the People
- Process how Jesus is good news

Use the Weekly Leader Update

PRINCIPLE #3: *LISTEN & GUIDE, but DON'T TEACH.*

It's not your job to be the one gifted teacher in the room; it's your job to help each person listen to the Spirit and express the gifts God has given them.

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PRINCIPLE #4: *Move from ABSTRACT to CONCRETE.*

Advice from Paul Tripp

- Always ask people to define their terms (What?)
- Always ask people to clarify what they mean with concrete, real life examples of the terms they have used (How?)
- Always ask people to explain why they responded as they did in the examples they have given you (Why?)

Last week's "Heart Revealing Questions" can also help you with this skill

PRINCIPLE #5: *Build an ENVIRONMENT of TRUST.*

Commitment is the foundation of Trust; this is why we utilize Core Values & Commitments.

HOMEWORK:

Schedule a time with your Small Group Leader for you to lead discussion before the end of the Small Group season.

- Ask your Small Group Leader to give you critical feedback.
 - What did you do well?
 - What do you need to improve?

Find a time for you, me and your Small Group Leader to sit down together to pray about the future.