

MESSAGE DISCUSSION GUIDE

Assembly Required // Week 5 // Starting Something New

July 30/31, 2017



ICEBREAKER

Who was your role model as a kid? Did you follow a famous movie star or sports athlete? Were you a bookworm who had a favorite author? Who did you follow and why?

KEY SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:19-21

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When have you been tempted to push others away and work toward something on your own? Do you think that God may want you to humble yourself and look for someone to raise up and help you?
2. **Read Ecclesiastes 4:9.** How can the pressure of feeling like we carry heavy burdens be lifted off our shoulders as we step into God's plan of community and working together? Do you tend to focus more on little failures or little successes? When it comes to your view on accomplishments, who are you usually harder on, yourself, or other people? Why do you think you are this way?
3. What emotions do you think Elijah felt as God called him to Elisha? Relief? Humility? Encouragement?
4. Have you ever had someone who invested in you? Someone who took the time to mentor or disciple you? What was that like? What did you enjoy, what was difficult about it? How did they challenge you or help you grow?
5. Have you ever tried to mentor or disciple someone before? What challenges did you face? What were some of the outcomes on that person's life? What was positive and encouraging about that experience?
6. What makes discipleship different than just a mentoring relationship? How does our relationship with Christ effect it and make it deeper? What's the goal of discipling someone?
7. **Read 1 Samuel 16:7.** How does looking at someone's potential, rather than their appearance, or current circumstance seem countercultural to us? What does God look at?
8. Elijah and Jesus both went personally to initiate the discipline relationships. What might this look like for us to initiate today? Is it possible to still make things personal by using social media? Talk about both the positives and negatives of this?
9. What are ways that we can be more intentional with people in person face to face?
10. As with many things in life, any good idea requires action. A simple step forward to make a start. It doesn't need to be perfect, it just needs to begin. What are hesitations, or obstacles you have to either starting to mentor/disciple or to continue if you already are?

PRAYER

Thank God for His plan of community and discipleship. Thank him for designing life to be lived with others. Thank God for setting the example of discipleship and humbling himself and displaying the patience required to raise up a group of people who would carry on God's work and do amazing things.

CHALLENGE

What is one step you can take this week to start the mentor/discipleship journey? Tell someone from your group and ask them to hold you accountable and check in with you throughout the week.