

Gospel Friendships (Adapted from Wellspring Church)

Reflect

What brought you joy the last few days?

What made you sad?

Where were you selfish?

Scripture

How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through His Word this week or what did you hear Him say as you spent time listening to Him?

Dive Deeper

At our Baptism we make certain commitments as a disciple of Jesus. As we engage in these commitments through our life, we can anticipate bearing the fruit of loving God (Worship), having our loves shaped in Christ (Formation), and loving others in Word and deed (Mission). These commitments of a disciple are a helpful way to take an audit of our hearts and lives. Pick one, or discuss them all.

Commitments of a Disciple

Worship/Formation

- How am I daily turning to Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior?
- How is my life being formed by spiritual disciplines? (reading scripture/prayer/fasting/confession/generosity/sabbath)
- How am I participating in church community, supporting and praying for my church and bringing my gifts and talents to the work of the Kingdom of God?
- Where have I found myself tempted to live like the world?
- Where have I needed to repent or where do I need to repent? (could have answered during initial reflection).

Mission

- How am I telling my neighbors/Co-workers/relatives about the love of Christ?
- How am I endeavoring to feed the hungry, care for the lonely, give water to the thirsty, welcome the needy, clothe the naked, visit the sick and those in prison?
- How am I stewarding God's creation?

Sending ---Spend a little time in silent reflection together and then share---

- Where are you being sent this week to share Jesus through your actions and words?

Prayers

- Spend a few minutes praying into the areas God has spoken to you about. Pray for one another and for the non-believers in your lives. (Consider praying through the Lord's Prayer)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thank God for who He is and His abundant faithfulness.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Pray for God's rule and reign to become a reality. (Pray for those who don't know Jesus in your life/community)

Give us this day our daily bread
Pray for God's daily provision in your life.

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us.
Confess your sins to the Lord, and forgive people who have wronged you.

Lead us not into temptation
Ask for God to guide you in 'paths of righteousness for His name sake'

But deliver us from evil.
Pray for God's protection against any of the strategies of Satan.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen