

Session 1 - Led by Christ to Live as "God-pleasers"

Small Group Questions

On the scale below, where would you put yourself:

People
Pleaser



God
Pleaser

When others express displeasure with you, what is your emotional, mental and verbal response initially? After one week? (additional questions: How do you process rejection from others? How is Christ calling you to process rejection from others?)

Think of an experience when you felt pressured to people please. What happened? Was your reaction Christ-like? If not, what would you change about your reaction to reflect more of Christ?

Is your worth and identity centered in people or Christ? What does a life centered in the security of Christ's love and approval look like?

Where in your life have you placed people's approval over God's approval? Ask for God's forgiveness. Share with one another in your group and pray for one another.

List a Bible verse you can memorize/recite to yourself during people pleasing moments to encourage Christ-like behavior.

Session 3 - Led by Christ to Multiply Others

Small Group Questions

Close your eyes and reflect on your daily rhythms. (In other words, what's a typical day like in your shoes?) Now pretend someone was following and watching you throughout your day. What did they learn about you, your lifestyle, your family, your interests, your passions, your priorities? What did they learn about Christ?

In Exodus, we consistently see that Joshua closely followed Moses, inevitably learning from his leadership. After Moses died, God commanded Joshua to be the new “strong and courageous” leader to the Israelites.

- What are practical ways you could invite someone to be a part of your life and learn from you? _____
- Who is closely following or observing you, naturally gleaning from your life currently? (This includes family members). _____

List one person you can disciple, mentor and invest into in 2019 (and possibly beyond)

How are you encouraging others to flourish in their God-given gifts?

What are things you say or do that could diminish others capabilities?

What is one thing you would like to work on in order to better encourage those you interact with?

Session 5 - Led by Christ to Act Justly

Small Group Questions

What breaks your heart in the world?

Where do you tend to focus your time and energy? Mark on the line below.

Justification _____ Justice

Keller mentioned, "If you aren't intensely concerned for the quartet of the vulnerable...it's a sign your heart is not right with God."

Keller highlights the concerns in the Old Testament to care and seek justice for the weak and vulnerable. He refers to these vulnerable groups as "the quartet of the vulnerable": the poor, the foreigner residing within your borders, the orphan and the widow.

The quartet is mentioned, in bits and pieces, all through the Old Testament. One passage where the whole quartet appears:

"This is what the Lord Almighty said: "Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor." - Zechariah 7:9-10a

Individually pray ask God if there is anyway where your heart might not align with God's heart for the vulnerable.

Share and pray with one another [time permitting]