

DIGGING DEEPER John 15:18-16:33: Life Guider

This past weekend Pastor Tim taught us about how Jesus did not just guide people during his earthly ministry; he is guiding us here and now! He challenged us that "lived right, the Christian life will sometimes hurt. But there is also great hope!"

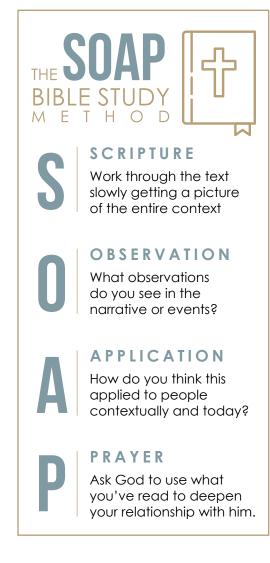
LEADER NOTE: One of the main takeaways from this season of small groups should be encouraging your group members to take what they read and respond through the way they live. Make sure to encourage application and response in your reading, discussion, and prayer.

DISCUSS

Scripture powerfully changes us from the inside out. Do not shortchange your group by glossing over the scripture portion of the study. Go through it slowly a few verses at a time and ask for observations and applications.

Using the SOAP method, read through our text. Share your observations with your group. Make sure to spend time asking your group about their observations.

- 1. Jesus spent a ton of time preparing the disciples for his departure. He knew they would struggle after he had gone. How does Jesus' departure benefit us today?
- 2. In what ways do you struggle following Jesus in a post-Christian society and world?
- 3. If Jesus is the guide of our lives, he is taking us somewhere and leading us toward something. What might Jesus be preparing you for? How might you be able to grow in this season so that you can be ready for what Jesus might have for you?
- 4. One thing Pastor Tim spoke about was how when Jesus guides our lives, the things that break God's heart will break our hearts. What do you think breaks God's heart?



PRAY

How might Jesus be leading you? As you close, ask your group to spend a few seconds thinking about how they might have ignored Jesus' presence or prompting in their life. After, ask them to share a way that someone can pray for them in a sentence or two. Then, as the group leader, spend some time in prayer over your group. Make sure to make time to pray for each member of your group.