

DIGGING DEEPER

Week 3: Psalm 16:9-11; Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 4:1-11

Our fall groups are continuing to explore our series: *This is Essential!* This series is a study on the biggest essentials in our world: God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, and the Word of God. **Our big goal for you for the next few weeks is for you to be in the Bible at least 4 times a week.** This group counts as one of those times!

OPEN

As you open your group have someone read through Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Then use each verse as a source of prayer. Then close the time of prayer by having someone else read through the passage again.

DISCUSS

Opening Question: What emotion do you feel the most? Which emotion do you wish you could experience more?

1. How do you feel about God?
How would you describe Jesus to a stranger?
2. When you read scripture, what steps do you take to engage with it intellectually and then how do you use that knowledge to respond emotionally?
3. What emotions are tied to Psalm 16:9-11?
Is there anything that gives you this same emotional response in your relationship with Jesus?
4. Why do you think it was important for Jesus to be affirmed before heading into the desert?
How do you think this experience shaped the next 40 days of his life?
5. What do you think God thinks of you?
What have you always wanted to hear from God?

PRAY

As the leader of the group, be especially mindful of people's answers this week. Then pray over your group. Spend time praying for each member by name. Use this session as a chance to express care, love, and value over the members of your group. Pray that they would feel like God thinks of them as a beloved child.

THE SOAP BIBLE STUDY METHOD



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SCRIPTURE

Work through the text slowly getting a picture of the entire context.

O

OBSERVATION

What observations do you see in the narrative or events?

A

APPLICATION

How do you think this applied to people contextually and today?

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PRAYER

Ask God to use what you've read to deepen your relationship with him.

