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Title: Engager

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-11 ESV

Series: Clear Mission, Clear Vision

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How do I stay engaged in my walk with Jesus?

Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV

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Engage with Jesus by first and foremost running to Him with your sin

Hebrews 12:3 ESV

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Engage with Jesus by meditating on His sacrifice for you on the cross

Hebrews 12:4-11 ESV

4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. 5 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." 7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. 11 For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Engage with Jesus by allowing Godly disciplines to have their way in your heart and in your daily habits

John 15:4-5, 8 ESV

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.



ENGAGER

CONNECTING TO GOD

STRATEGY

WORSHIP:

ENGAGED

COMMUNITY:

COMMUNITY GROUPS

EQUIP:

DISCOVER GROUP - PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY

SERVE:

DISCOVER GIFTS - SERVING TEAM

OUTREACH:

SHARE GOSPEL

GROWTH AREAS

STEP 2

1 JOHN 2:13-14

CULTIVATING GRACE
BASED HABITS

CHARACTERIZED BY:

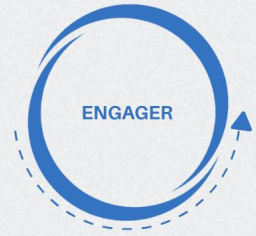
GODLY DISCIPLINE

PRAYER LIFE:

GODLY NEEDS

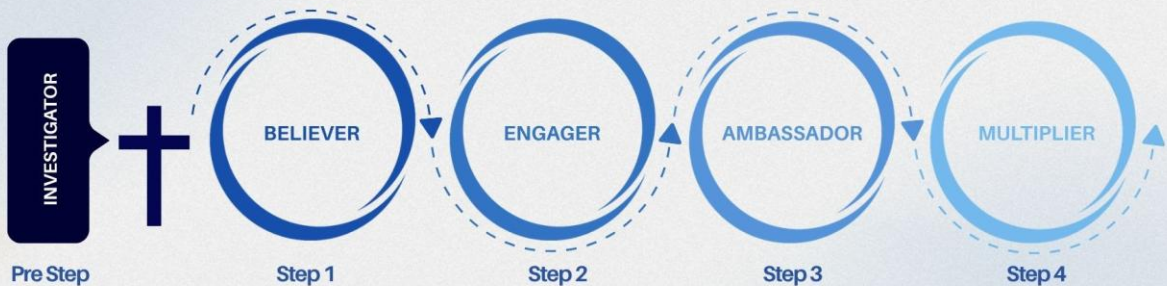
OVERCOMING:

SIN HABITS



VISION STEPS

1 John 2:10-14



INVESTIGATING JESUS

1 JOHN 2:10-11

NEW TO THE FAITH

1 JOHN 2:12-13

CONNECTING WITH GOD

1 JOHN 2:13-14

MENTORING OTHERS

1 JOHN 2:13-14

DISCIPLING LEGACY

1 JOHN 2:13-14

10/18/26 Group Questions

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Into the Bible Questions:

Read Hebrews 12:1-2

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1. Have you ever heard about the “cloud of witnesses” before? How does understanding that other believers have gone before you encourage you in your walk with Jesus?
2. Hebrews 12:1 tells us to “lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely.” Sometimes we don’t realize that there are sins that are holding us back from Jesus, and they become like heavy weights. Are there any “weights” that you need to give to Jesus that you’ve been holding onto?
3. Hebrews 12:2 says that Jesus is the “founder and perfecter” of our faith. Sometimes, we put our faith in our feelings or situations which does change, instead of placing our faith in Jesus, who doesn’t ever change and is steady. In what ways have you seen Jesus “perfect” your faith?

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4. When we consider Jesus and the hostility that he endured on the cross, it reminds us how much he was willing to go through to show He loves us. Why is it important for us to continue to meditate on this truth*?*

Romans 12:2 tells us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Do you ever struggle to focus on Christ in your daily lives? Talk together and encourage one another in that.

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5. God disciplines his children for their good, even if it is painful in the moment. What are some ways that God disciplines his children/you?

6. After looking at this passage, what have you learned about the importance of engaging with God? How do we do that? Is it an important next step?

Application Questions:

1. What is something that you are dealing with right now that seems impossible to endure? How can this group be encouraging you in that?

2. If you were honest, what are some things that you are dwelling on in your mind/daily habits that Jesus is calling you to surrender to His and seek His heart?

3. Is there a Godly discipline (daily devotional time, prayer habits, community, engaging in worship) that you struggle with maintaining? Is there one that you want to grow in?

4. When you think of the idea of God disciplining his children, what does that make you feel or think? What's your initial reaction?

5. Take time to pray with one another and encourage each other.