

TRUE DISCIPLES

ANGER, GOSSIP & BACKBITING

MEMORY VERSE: John 13:35

By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."



ANNOUNCEMENT

Family Worship Night | November 20 | 6:30-8pm

Parents and Students - You are invited for a special night of rock youth! Join us Wednesday November 20th from 6:30-8pm for a family worship night. It's a great chance to learn alongside of your child and to model your own faith as we look at living a life of worship. We can't wait to see you there!



OVERVIEW

BOTTOM LINE: TRUE DISCIPLES - ANGER, GOSSIP & BACKBITING

Have you ever been blindsided by someone you would consider a good friend? Instantaneously when it happens, how do you feel? Anger is probably the first emotion that you have and that anger can turn into sin when you let your emotions control your response. Many times we respond in hurtful words or turn to gossip about the person who has hurt us, but what does the Word of God say about how we should react when someone has made us angry?



DISCUSSION

TRUE DISCIPLES LOVE ONE ANOTHER! JOHN 13:35

HOW DID YOU FEED YOUR SOUL?

- While you were reading the Word of God what did you learn?
 - What is something that stuck out from the reading this week?
 - What is something you learned that you didn't already know?
 - What questions did you have from the reading?
 - What did you study, research, or talk to others about as a result of the reading?
- As you were reading, meditating and praying the Word of God, how did you apply what you read? What did the Holy Spirit lead you to work on in the area of anger and gossip?
- What did you learn about people in the Bible loving others that have made them angry?
- Have you ever made someone angry and they gossiped about you? How did that make you feel? How do you think it makes others feel when you do this to them?
- Who are we to love by forgiving them for the wrong they have done to us?
- What does the Bible say that gossip does to a friendship?
- What is slander? Can you give different examples of what slander is?
- What does the Bible say you are to do if you have evil thoughts about someone? How do these

thoughts relate to actually choosing to gossip?

HOW DID YOU FEED YOUR FLESH?

- How did you struggle this week with anger/gossip/slander towards someone?
- Who in your life is hard to love or forgive? Why? What does this say about your friendship?
- What would Jesus do for that person?
- What specifically could you have done differently this week to help forgive others, rather than gossip?
- Do you feel you need forgiveness from others? What do you need to do to make that possible?
- Throughout the week, what other sins were you tempted with that the Holy Spirit is showing you need to let go of? How can we pray for you and help you stay accountable to the Holy Spirit?
- How many times did you miss reading this week? If you didn't read this week, why? What can you change?

HOW DID YOU FEED OTHERS?

- How did you share your faith with a lost person or encourage another believer in their faith this week? Share any wins!!
- Did you feel stirred by the Holy Spirit to share your faith with a lost person or to encourage another believer this week and not do it? Why not?
- If you are not feeling led to share your faith or seeing chances to love others or repair relationships, why do you think that is? What will you change?



CHALLENGE

BOTTOM LINE: True Disciples deal with Bitterness and Division

- Search your heart this week and if the Holy Spirit points out anyone who you are bitter towards; talk with them one on one and deal with your bitterness this week.
- Choose one person you struggle to love or that you have feelings of bitterness, hate, or hurt towards. Commit to pray for them every day this week. Have everyone in the group choose one person to keep accountable in this area.
- Be mindful of opportunities to gossip this week. Keep a running tally of times you give in and gossip about or slander others. When you're tempted to gossip, say a quick prayer for the person you're struggling with instead.
- Read your Bible every day this week
- Memorize a verse or passage that the Holy Spirit speaks to you through
- Meditate, pray, journal about what you read
- Come back next week ready to talk about your week and **how you fed your SOUL? FLESH? OTHERS?**



TOPIC OVERVIEW

Week 7: True Disciples put away bitterness and division

Week 8: True Disciples put away anger, gossip and backbiting

Week 9: True Disciples confront sin and repent when sinning

Week 10: True Disciples forgive and restore friendships

Week 11: True Disciples live as a living sacrifice