



Discussion Guide

The Valuation Error

As A Group...

1. Spend time praying for one another.
2. Talk about each member's "one" friend or family member who doesn't know Christ. Pray for them by name and encourage and hold one another accountable to share the gospel or offer an invitation to the "one."
3. Plan an activity that you can invite unchurched neighbors to so that you can get to know the people around your group.
4. Encourage and hold each other accountable in the area of serving. Where is each member serving in the body of Christ and the kingdom?
1. Read Mark 9:30-50.
2. The disciples had been arguing about who among them was the greatest while Jesus, Himself, was among them. Why do you think they were ignorant of the fact that they were in the presence of GOD and arguing about who was the greatest?
3. In what ways are Christians guilty of doing the same thing?
4. As a group, talk about the difference between Jesus' valuation of greatness and the disciples' (and ours, too). Based on Jesus' standard for greatness how many Christians do you think are actually "great"?
5. The disciples had a wrong sense of "self-importance." They drifted into tribalism and believed that only those in the "inner circle" could do kingdom works. How were they wrong and how have you seen/experienced Christians being guilty of the same thing?
6. Does God value longer or more public service "in his name" than those who may serve Him a shorter amount of time and in what we might consider "smaller" ways? Why or why not?
7. How does our value system in this area need to be realigned with God's?
8. Why does Jesus speak so graphically in regards to how we should deal with sin in our lives? Do we deal with sin in our lives as seriously as we should? Why or why not?
9. How is the cross central to following Jesus as we deal with each of these areas of our lives?