# **HOW TO USE**

#### **Fundamentals:**

Like baseball, the Christian faith has "fundamental" truths that are foundational to continued growth in our walk with Christ. Every handful of weeks, we will be addressing different "fundamentals" of the Christian faith. All of our fundamentals will be broken down across the span of three sessions to give you the best understanding and perspective possible.

Our goal through this resource is that you would become "fundamentally sound" in your knowledge, understanding and application of core these core Gospel truth's.

#### Sessions:

Fundamental's "Sessions" are broken up into session one, two and three.

**Session One:** The first session in every Fundamental will give you an introductory look into what the following two sessions will address in more detail. These sessions will likely be filled with illustrations to help connect the dots on how these fundamentals impact our walk with Christ. Use this session to familiarize yourself with what you'll be learning in the coming sessions.

**Session Two:** The second session will be a deeper dive into a more scholarly approach. In this session will lie the bulk of the teaching for each fundamental and will consist of scripture, quotes and questions. Use this session to really dig in and grow in your knowledge and understanding of scripture. Most of your group time will be spent reviewing session two.

**Session Three:** The third session will be primarily focused on application. Our prayer is that every fundamental we learn will have a drastic impact on the way you life out your faith. Use this session to find practical and applicable ways to live out the truth of the Gospel. In your groups, use session three to challenge each other in the week ahead and promote accountability in practicing

the fundamentals.

### Weekly Study:

Preferably, one session would take one week to complete and review in your group settings. Scripture references, exercises and quotes will be able to be readily unpacked on a deeper level in your personal study that can fill roughly a weeks worth of time. Take your time as you sift through the study and expanding on the foundation laid through "Fundamentals" as you have your own time with the Lord.

### As a Group:

As a group, be sure to meet weekly. "Fundamentals" was created with the intention of weekly gatherings and we believe it is best used in this way. There is plenty of information and questions to unpack in weekly meetings.

- Compare and contrast notes between group members.
- Share answers to various questions. Look for similarities and differences.
- Go to the Word and continue to unpack scripture together.
- Memorize key scripture references as they apply to each session.
- Review any lingering confusions or questions together.
- Share prayer requests and challenges.

# 9 INNING DISCIPLESHIP PLAN

## 1. Thanksgiving

What are you thankful for?

### 2. Challenge

What has been challenging?

### 3. God Stories

What has God done in your life this week?

## 4. Accountability

Did you apply what you learned last week?

## 5. Gospel

In your own words, what is the gospel?

#### 6. Read the Word

Read > Re-read > Re-tell > Details

### 7. Examine the Word

- What is happening in this passage? What words, phrases, or ideas seem important?
- Is there a clear main point? If so, what is it?
- What words/phrases do I not understand? Define them!
- What does this text teach you about... the gospel? God? Man? Who Jesus is and why we need Him? Trusting and following Jesus? The hope of heaven or the horror of hell?

### 8. Apply the Word

- What sin do I need to repent of and/or avoid?
- What truth do I need to believe?
- What promise do I need to proclaim?
- What attitude do I need to change?
- What example do I need to follow?
- What prayer do I need to pray?
- What command do I need to obey (what do I need to give up, stop doing, start doing, or continue doing)?
- What verse do I need to memorize?
- What principle needs to change the way I think, speak, and/ or act, and how will I impement this change?
- What relationship do I need to establish, strengthen, or change?
- By the power of God's Spirit, what can I do today to apply God's Word to my life?

### 9. Pray the Word

Pray the scripture. Write your prayers.