

weekly guide

dealing with our past: increase our faith
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Talking through the weekly message helps you turn information into application. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you make the next move.

Care: How are we doing? (Share brief update, listen, encourage, pray)

Loving Accountability: This time of accountability is for all to share if they were faithful on following through with the goals, they set the previous week. *Give an account of your obedience to the goals you set last week (Obey, Abide, Train, Share).*

Icebreaker: Questions to Get You Talking

- Any stories from the last week's Practice that you would like to encourage the whole group with?
- Any "aha" moments of breakthrough?
- Any highs or lows?

Retell The Message Together: Receiving and granting forgiveness are some of the central actions of every disciple of Jesus. Forgiveness is not just releasing the personal right to payback the one who has hurt me, it is also absorbing the pain with God's help. But it doesn't stop there – God wants to take the wounds and pain of our lives and turn them for good.

Do this Practice in community: (10-30 minutes)

We want to spend time talking together about ideas for transforming our hurts for others' good. Either stay together as a larger group or break up into triads (3-4 people), designating a leader within each group. Put away your phones or any other distractions and get comfortable.

Ask: What would it look like to transform a wound from your past into a blessing for others? Take a minute or two of silence and ask God to bring to mind a past hurt that he wants to transform for the good of others. If you can't think of one now, that's fine. This is a process that may take time. Let a few people share ideas that come to mind. Often we want to help others the way we wish we would have been helped in the past. What would that look like for you?

After each person shares, spend time praying for them and their next steps.

Goals our Pastor(s) want you to set:

- **OBEY:** This is a key part of the practice. It's essential that we identify the blessing of our family line, thank God for it, and carry it forward.
- **ABIDE IN:** Read Luke 17 and pray daily.
- **TRAIN:** You need to train your disciples in this. If you don't have a disciple, who can you practice it with this week? Join us weekly on Wednesday for "**Mentor Me To Move**" disciple making training (Zoom Code: 389-476-789).
- **SHARE:** "Who from your oikos map will you share this story/message or share the gospel with this week?"

Commission/Pray: Ask God for His power to help you observe these goals.