

Strengthening the Core: Week 3

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

Matthew John 4:1-45

- 1. What social and cultural boundaries does Jesus break when he speaks to the Woman at the Well?
- 2. What do they talk about?
- 3. What was the result of this interaction for the Woman at the Well? For the Samaritans?
- 4. The disciples are concerned that Jesus is hungry and needs something to eat. How does Jesus respond?

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 5. Many spiritual functions parallel physical functions. As our bodies hunger and thirst, so do our souls. Our souls need spiritual food and water. Spend some time talking about satisfying or starving our spiritual hungers and thirsts. How do we nourish our souls?
- 6. How would you define worship? What does it look like for you to cultivate a lifestyle of worship?
- 7. What does it look like to celebrate your place in God's kingdom with those around you?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

- 8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion
 - ** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today **