



WEEK 1

1. Ice Breaker: Fall is just around the corner, what are your favorite things to do in this season? (Take some time to brainstorm and even plan to do one of these things together as a group)
2. How did this week's sermon impact you personally? What was your biggest takeaway?
3. Dan shared a quote by Mike Breen "If you make disciples, you always get the church. But if you make a church, you rarely get disciples." How do you understand this quote? Do you agree or disagree and why? Why is this so important?
4. Read **Luke 6:40**. What does Jesus say being a disciple looks like?
5. Read Luke 6:12-19, and Acts 4 together pointing out Jesus' and Peter and John's pattern of Up, In, and Out. Using the language of Life with God, Life together, and Life on Mission, where to you thing you are strongest in your apprenticeship to Jesus? Which of the three is an area of improvement? Where do you think your Grace Group is? (if your group is new consider which of these three you really feel called to hone in on this semester)
6. Dan shared that sometimes we fail to truly pray because:
 - a. Limited Worldview: we all too easily forget, or we doubt that there is a spiritual reality at work behind the scenes (Eph. 6:12) and God has called us to take part through prayer
 - b. A low self-esteem: we doubt the authority given to us by Jesus to bind and loose, to say yes to his will and no to evil. God has raised us up (Eph. 2:6)
 - c. Doubts about prayer: we may doubt the power of prayer, question its ability to change things. James 5:16, Jesus makes our prayers powerful and effective (Jn 14:13).
 - d. Practical questions how to pray: many ways to pray, but we just don't know how.

Which of these reasons (if any) articulate your own personal struggle with prayer?

7. Dan challenged each of us to make prayer essential in this season, and gave 3 ideas. Which of these three ideas were you challenged to try?
 - a. Make prayer essential the First and Final 15 minutes of your day
 - b. Take every thought (anxious, worried, fearful, etc.) to prayer
 - c. Start a Prayer journal, writing your requests to God and also marking when they are answered and how.

Final Thought

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matt. 28:18-20 NIV)