

Week #1: The God's Work, Our Witness Documentary

1. What do you think about the story of Mars Hill Church?
2. Do you see the story of your life lining up with the story of this church?
3. Do you plan to become a member of the church? Why or why not?
4. How do you feel God calling you to give of your time, talent, and treasure to the mission of the church?

Pray:

Spend time in prayer thanking God for the grace he has poured out on us individually, on our community, and through our church.



Week #2: Gospel-Centered Theology

1. What is the gospel? Have group members write down a definition of the gospel in their own words. Compare your definitions to the Five Solas and J.I. Packer's definition, "Jesus saves sinners." Discuss what you see missing or added to the definition.
2. In what ways have you confused the law and gospel in how you interact with God, your family, and/or your community?
3. How does the combination of the law and gospel magnify the glory of Jesus?
4. Discuss the difference between religion and the gospel. Where in your life do you need to repent of religion?
5. How does Jesus practically provide freedom for you over law and religion?
6. What does it mean to you to love Jesus as a person rather than a concept?
7. If someone followed you around for a week, what would they say is the center of your life? What evidence would they use to come to that conclusion?
8. Where do we need to grow in the practical ways that gospel-centered theology works itself out in our lives?

Pray:

Pray for God's help to use our theology for more than head knowledge and pray that it would impact every area of our lives, leading to freedom and fruit.



Week #3: Spirit-Filled Lives

1. How do you currently experience the Holy Spirit in your life?
2. How does understanding who the Holy Spirit is as a person change the way you interact with him?
3. When you look at Jesus' ministry and obedience as an example of a Spirit-filled life, how does it affect you?
4. What is the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the church?
5. Make a list of the natural and spiritual gifts of the members of your group. Have each person write down what they see as their gifts and then have the group speak into what they see for each person.
6. How does God want us to use our gifts, both natural and spiritual, to build the church, serve those in need, spread the gospel message, and ultimately glorify God?
7. What can we do to experience the guidance, fruit, and power of the Holy Spirit in every area of our lives?

Pray:

Pray that our hearts would be opened to see the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and that through his work in us, we would build the church, serve those in need, spread the gospel message, and glorify God.



Week #4: Complementary Relationships

1. How do experiences and culture shape our view of men's and women's roles and relationships in general?
2. In what ways are men and women created equal? Why is this understanding so important to the concept of complementary relationships?
3. In what ways does Jesus provide for us an example of complementary relationships within the Trinity?
4. How do the different roles of men and women reflect the triune nature of God?
5. When a complementary theology is lived out in a marriage, how do expectations of service and love from the husband and respect from the wife work together to glorify Jesus?
6. Compare the views of biblical masculinity and femininity with the cultural view of each. Where are there similarities, differences, and distortions? How has this challenged your own view of masculinity and femininity?
7. What does a home that reflects the relationships within the Trinity look like?
8. Why is understanding complementary relationships so important for the church and your family?

Pray:

Pray for relationships within our homes and our church that reflect the beauty and glory of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Week #5: Missional Churches

1. How does understanding Jesus as sent and sending affect our response to our being sent as his disciples?
2. In your own words, what is the mission of God as revealed throughout the Bible?
3. To whom are we as a community sent?
4. How does our relationship with and love for Jesus affect our passion for his mission?
5. How are we living as a sent people on mission with Jesus? How are we not?
6. What is God calling us to change about the way we live and interact with the people living around us?
7. List 10 ways that we as a community can engage our neighbors and join God on his mission.

Pray:

Pray for a harvest of those who do not know Jesus to come to know him through the witness of our community and faithfulness to join God on his mission.

