

Bridges

Week 2: Bridging Barriers

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

Opening Question:

We talked this weekend about some very practical ways of sharing our faith. Can you come up with a system of accountability with the group to make sure we invite people to Jesus and celebrate together when they come?

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Read it again:

- [Matthew 16:13-21](#)

Discuss:

- In John chapter 1, Jesus asked his first disciples, “What do you want?” How would you answer that question if he asked you that right now?
- Asking questions is often more important than answering questions. Pick one of the following questions from the message this weekend and share a person you could see yourself asking this question:
 - If you were to look for a church, what kind of church would you look for?
 - What do you think about Jesus?
 - What would you be willing to do to solve this problem?
 - How can I pray for you?
- One of the most powerful ways of building bridges is to share a meal with them in your home. Share with the group who you would like to invite and why.
- Showing up for people in need is a powerful way to build a bridge. Which of the following ideas makes most sense for you right now:
 - Invite a friend to join you in a service project.

- Be present with a friend in crisis.
- Have a game night at your house OR invite a friend to participate with you in a hobby.
- Ask someone at work, “What did you do this weekend?” If they return the question, tell them about your experience at Church.
- Invite a family you know to put their kids on a STARS team with your kids.
- Use a weekend message in a staff meeting at work to promote character development.

Prayer:

Read out loud together and then pray the prayer in [Matthew 9:35–38](#).

Scriptures:

- **John 1:38**, “Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”
- **Matthew 16:15**, “Who do you say that I am?”
- **John 5:6**, “Do you want to get well?”
- **Matthew 9:10**, “While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples.”
- **Luke 7:36**, “When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table.”
- **John 6:5**, “When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?”
- **Matthew 9:37–38**, “Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”