

Getting Deeper

- Depending on the Holy Spirit
- Satisfaction in God
- Following God's Direction
- Becoming God's Vessel

Depending on the Holy Spirit

Objectives:

- To realize that God is always with us and his Spirit is guiding us.
- To be dependent on the Holy Spirit in every decision we make and whatever situation we are in.

Welcome

1. Prepare a big 12-piece puzzle.
2. Group the participants.
3. Get one representative from each group.
4. The representative will complete the puzzle wearing a blindfold.
5. Members of the group are only allowed to tell whether left, right, up or down.
6. The group with the shortest time to complete the puzzle wins.

Transition statement:

Life seems like a puzzle sometimes. The pieces might seem ugly or illogical on its own but when put together, we see the big picture; God's work of art. But putting the pieces together is no easy task! Good thing, God did not leave us clueless! He sent us the Holy Spirit to be our guide in every step we take.

How to Use this material

1. Learn it for yourself and take its message to heart.
2. Answer the questions and reflect on them, especially on God's Word, and what it means to your personal life.
3. Share this material with the people around you. God wants to use your life, so others would come to know Christ! Feel free to share to them this material. 😊

Worship

Reflect on the lyrics of the song Leave Me Astounded by Planetshakers.

Word

1. Hook: When was the last time you were given a task you have no idea how to do it? How did you handle it?
2. Book: Read John 14:16-18.

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever---the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

We are not alone. God has given us his Spirit to guide us and to lead us in our everyday lives. We must acknowledge Him and be sensitive to His leading. Walking with the Spirit will make us stronger, wiser and joyful knowing that God is always with us.

3. Look: Who do you often ask for help in making decisions or when facing difficult situations?
4. Took: Now that we know that God sent his Holy Spirit as our helper, how do you think will it change our lives?

Works

Ask the group to form in circle and in audible voices, pray together asking God to fill us with the Holy Spirit and to help us become aware of his presence every day.

Satisfaction in God

Objectives:

- To know that nothing in this world can satisfy our deepest longings and desires because we are made to worship the only one true God.
- To find satisfaction in Christ alone.

Welcome

Mention one or more things you are thankful for this week.

Transition Statement:

There is no such thing as a bad day or a good day; a bad week or a good week because God made them all. So whatever season we are in right now, we have a reason to worship him.

Worship

Read aloud Psalm 23 with everyone.

Word

1. Hook: Have you tried making a bucket list? Can you mention some things included in yours?
2. Book: Read Ecclesiastes 2:10-11.
The longer we walk with God, the more we will realize that only Him truly satisfies. Everything else is temporary. We chase after things, people and

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dreams however long we want but after getting those things, we find out we keep wanting more. In Christ alone can we find true love, true peace, our identity and true satisfaction.

3. What is your reaction to Solomon's words "Everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind"?
4. Look: Do you find it hard to believe that only Jesus can satisfy you? What are your reasons?
5. Took: What do you think should we do to see more of Jesus in our lives and less of the world?

Works

In a piece of paper, write down your ambitions, greatest dreams, most wanted gadget or anything that you think will give you pleasure, worth or satisfaction. Lift them all up to God in prayer and ask him to change your heart. Erase each one as you mention it in your prayer.

Take note of new or recurring desires that you will have throughout the week. Reflect whether it is Godly or worldly.

Following God's Direction

Objective: To realize that God's plan for us is way better than the best we can come up with and to learn to obey his leading at all times.

Welcome

Follow my Voice

1. Divide the participants in groups.
2. Give each group a distinct sound that they will use to find each other.
3. Ask everyone to wear a blindfold.
4. Spread out participants and separate each from their group.
5. Upon the game master's signal, everyone will make their distinct sounds and try to find their group mates.
6. First group to be complete wins.

Transition statement:

The world is so loud that we end up following what it says most of the time. But God knows better and if we will only take time to listen, we will hear a still small voice saying, "My child, this is the way you should take".

Worship

Take time to thank the Lord for the greatest blessing you have received.

Lead the group in prayer.

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Word

1. Hook: When was the last time you made a hard decision? How did it go?
2. Book: Read Proverbs 3:5-6 and Isaiah 30:21.

We have plans for our lives. We have dreams. We know what we want but are we sure that these are the best for us? We are easily swayed by the world's standard. We tend to keep up with the success of our friends, peers and colleagues. We don't want to be left out and we are pressured to make decisions without even praying about it! God is the giver and author of our lives. We are his children and as a loving Father, he, too, has laid out plans to prosper us and to give us a future and it takes wholehearted trust to follow and obey him. We only see in parts but God sees the whole picture. And no matter how ugly what we see right now doesn't mean it'll last forever. God knows what He's doing. Follow his voice and experience the best journey he has for you.

3. What is your reaction to these passages?
4. Look: What factors hinder you from obeying God's direction for your life?
5. Took: What actions are you planning to take to overcome these hindrances?

Works

Have a prayer time. Ask God for strength to follow him at all cost. Make a commitment like "From this day on, I will obey the Lord and I will not turn back."

Becoming God's Vessel

Objective:

- To understand what it really means to live for God's glory.
- To appreciate the gifts God has given us and to use those gifts for his kingdom building.

Welcome

If I Could Have, I Would Have

Ask each one to state their name and what path they have been on – personally, academically or professionally – and what path they would have taken if they could change anything or turn back.

Transition Statement:

God has given us gifts and talents and given us the freedom to decide how we will use them. But as we get to know our Creator deeper, we will soon realize that there is no better way to use them but for his glory.

Worship

Reflect on the lyrics of the song The Potter's Hand by Hillsong United.

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Word

1. Hook: What do you think are your special skills or talents?
2. Book: Read Ephesians 2:10.

God knew you even before you were born. He created you for a purpose; for a reason, and he has bestowed upon you gifts to use for his kingdom building. God intended his children to work together, to help each other in his ministry of reconciliation in this world. You are gifted with skills, talents and abilities because you are part of God's mission. It is tempting to use these gifts for fame, recognition, to boost our ego and other selfish gains but the moment we genuinely surrender our lives to God, we will eventually have a change of heart and find greater satisfaction in helping others through whatever we can do. You are God's vessel, he wants to use you only if you will allow him.

3. Based on this passage, what are we created for?
4. Look: Have you ever used your talent or skills to serve other people or for the benefit of the church? How did it felt?
5. Took: Can you think of other things that will enable you to glorify God more through whatever you can do?

Works

Think of the existing ministries or missions in your church right now. Find a prayer partner and discuss what you might pursue using your skills/talents. Then pray for each other.

If you're already in a ministry or mission, pray for those and ask God for wisdom and strength to continue what you have been doing.