

Making Disciples IN Community Living Out the 52 'One Anothers'

ICE BREAKER: We saw two videos on Sunday "Shallow Small Group" and "Not Shallow Small Group." Does one of these characterize your group? Is your group sometimes afraid to go 'deeper' such that you operate too much in the 'shallowness?'

BIG IDEA: The never-ending challenge for group members is to function according to Bible standards. Let's agree that we are going to move in the direction of being more Biblical in how we function as a group. This means that we fulfill our various roles as: building blocks; body parts; and family members (brother/sister).

Digging Deeper:

1. Building Blocks – Read Ephesians 2:19-22

- Vs. 19, What three images does Paul use to describe us?
- Vs. 20, On what and whom is the building built?
- Vs. 21, Who is the 'mortar' holding us together? With what result?
- Vs. 22, Who is being built together? For what purpose? Where are you, individually, in being a cooperative 'block' in God's purposes? Where are you as a group in being a strong wall segment?

2. Body Parts - Read Ephesians 4:25-32

- Why are we to do the things Paul describes regarding behaviors?
- What specific behaviors are named as crucial for 'Body Life?'
- What spiritual commitments are required of you as individuals to be able to fulfill these expectations? (E.g. check Romans 12:3 & Colossians 3:15). Are you as a group living up to these standards?

3. Brothers/Sisters – Read Hebrews 2:10-17

- Vs. 10, Being perfected through suffering? Is this for Jesus alone?
- Vs. 11, Jesus unashamedly calls you 'bro/sis'. How does that feel?
- Vs. 12, Through Bible quotations Jesus affirms our relationship to himself. Do you make the same kind of bold declaration regarding your connection to Jesus? Are there times when you are shy or embarrassed to speak of Jesus as your 'elder brother?'
- Vs. 14-15, What benefit comes from Jesus conquest of Satan?
- Vs. 16-17, Jesus atoned for our sins, but also in his humanity, he suffered when tempted. Talk about what it means to have a 'brother Savior' who helps us when we are tempted.