



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

DATE February 14

BIBLE PASSAGE John 13:33-35

1. KNOW THE CONTEXT

The Book of John is a collection of stories about the life and teachings of Jesus.

John was called, "the disciple whom Jesus loved." Talked about a title! John wrote this book from a very personal point of view. He had been a close follower of Jesus. He had witnessed the miracles that Jesus had performed, was there is some of the less public moments of Jesus' life. You could say he was one of Jesus' best friends.

In the passage for today Jesus knew that his time on earth was coming to an end. So he wanted to relay some really important information. Just like when your teacher is going to be gone, they will tell your class that they will be gone, and give you important details. This is what Jesus was doing, he wanted to make sure in his absence his disciples knew what they were to do. So listen up, this is important information Jesus is relaying!

2. READ THE BIBLE PASSAGE TOGETHER

3. SPEND TIME IN OBSERVATION

Which verses, ideas, or characters stuck out to you?
What questions could come from this passage?

Observation notes:

Questions:

4. SPEND TIME IN INTERPRETATION

What did this passage mean to the original audience?

What would it have felt like to be a character in this passage, and who in the passage is the hero/role model (if any)?

What's the main point of this passage?

Questions	Answers
Why is it important to understand that Jesus was coming close to dying?	When someone knows something is coming to an end or are getting ready to leave, we tend to focus on what is important.
How do we often define love today?	Dating, sex, friendship, family, feelings, marriage, love for food, We love things, our possessions. We often times throw the word love, to emphasize how much we like something.
What ways had Jesus shown love to his disciples?	He called them to follow him. He spent time with them. He taught them how to pray. He invested his life into their lives.
Jesus says to love each other, what does it mean to love each other?	To love is to put someone ahead of our own desires. To place them ahead of ourselves. To invest in them and spend time with them.
How could the way we love each other show we follow Jesus?	It is a very different message then culture is giving. Culture says you do you, get what is yours, live for yourself. Jesus tells us to love, put others above ourselves. So when we love differently people notice.

5. SPEND TIME IN APPLICATION

What is the "universal truth" God wants to teach us from this passage?

How can we apply the message of this passage to our daily lives?

How can Christians love like Jesus in a different way then culture tries to define love?

What would it look like if your small group loved each other like Jesus loved his disciples?

When we love each other like Jesus loves, how can that help up reach people with the message of Jesus?

Who do you think God is asking to love better today?

How can your small group help you love people better?



6. PRAY

Follow-up notes: