LIFEGROUP STUDY HOW TO START A REVOLUTION:

"Each One Teach One" Acts 18:18 – 19:7 20210613

LEADER NOTES

OVERVIEW

Welcome back to our series, How to Start a Revolution. Over the weeks of this series, we're exploring the book of Acts to see how the NT church was the Revolution for Jesus in their day and how we can be the Revolution today! The Jesus movement has always been about being a disciple and making disciples. Are you a learner/apprentice of Jesus? How are you intentionally growing? Are you discipling someone else? If not, where could you get involved in passing down your faith and helping others grow in their discipleship? Our goal today is that we would be challenged to grow, that we would be empowered by the Holy Spirit for the mission.

<u>ICEBREAKER</u> - My Favourite Teacher/Coach

Think back to your years growing up. Who is a favourite teacher or coach you had? What was it about this person that impacted your life? Share your favourite teacher/coach story with your group!

STUDY

"A Christian disciple is a person who accepts and assists in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. Christian discipleship is the process by which disciples grow in the Lord Jesus Christ and are equipped by the Holy Spirit, who resides in our hearts, to overcome the pressures and trials of this life and become more and more Christlike." Got Questions – What is Christian Discipleship?

- In his teaching on Sunday, Pete talked about "each one teach one" the experience of being a
 disciple and making other disciples of Jesus. What was a highlight for you from his
 teaching?
- 2. Think back on your own journey of growing in Christ. Who were some of the most influential people in discipling you?

<u>LEADER NOTE:</u> Some of your group members may have a hard time identifying people who have discipled them. That's OK. There are many ways we can be discipled by others – through preaching,

online ministry, Christian books, podcasts and so on. That said, the most effective discipleship that we see modelled in the New Testament is "life-on-life" - one person investing in, pouring themselves into, another person's life with the goal of helping that person grow in Christ.

READ: Matthew 28:18-20

"Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." NLT

3. In this passage we have Jesus' Great Commission to His followers, to go and make disciples. Do you feel you have what you need to make disciples? Why or why not?

<u>LEADER NOTE:</u> When it comes to making disciples, many of us may not feel we have what we need. We're not sure we have been discipled ourselves. We feel we don't know enough of the Bible or have enough answers for questions people may ask. It's OK to feel under-prepared. Jesus isn't looking for a perfect candidate. He's looking for a willing heart. When Jesus said, "I have been given all authority ..." He's promising us that His unlimited power is available to us. He is with us, empowering us with the words to say and steps to take to help others grow in their walk with Him.

READ: John 15:5-8 Bearing Fruit for Jesus

4. Our job is not producing fruit (changing people's lives for Jesus). Our job is to abide (remain) in Christ. As we do, God can use the overflow of our growth and our faithful obedience to impact the lives of people around us for Him. **How does Jesus' teaching about abiding in Him help you see your role as a disciple maker?**

<u>LEADER NOTE:</u> Our primary role as a follower of Jesus is to abide in Him, to stay connected to Him. He is our life source. As we rely on Him, He will guide us to ways we can disciple others. The fruit in our lives is the outcome of our walk with Jesus. Remaining in his love and obeying his commands will result in a life filled with his joy and love. (see John 15:9-17)

5. Being a part of The Revolution means we are on mission to make disciples! What next steps do you sense God may be calling you to take to be on mission for Him?

<u>LEADER NOTE:</u> Being on mission includes looking for opportunities to influence others for Jesus. Who in your life can you come alongside of and build into? Who is just starting in their faith, or is in need of some support and encouragement in their faith, whom you can journey with? At Creekside we invite everyone to be on mission for Jesus by being IN A GROUP and ON A TEAM. Regularly connecting with others in a LifeGroup gives us opportunities to disciple one-another, to strengthen and encourage each other to grow in our faith. Serving on a team helps us be on mission for Jesus by giving ourselves in service for others. https://www.creeksidechurch.ca/volunteer/ Creekside's local and global

partnerships provide many opportunities for us to join with others in being on mission for Him! https://www.creeksidechurch.ca/missions/

PRAYER

This week, let's pray for the Big Serve LifeGroup challenge!

- Pray for the LifeGroup challenge as we collect items to donate to Ray of Hope. Let's ask God to help us be generous givers and that these donations would encourage those who receive them.
- Pray for the Summer's Big Serve, that as we serve a wide variety of ministries, outreaches and agencies and the people they serve, that we will have opportunities to share Jesus' love and WHY we are serving in His Name.
- Pray for our Region as we enter Stage 1, for wisdom for all our community leaders and servers as they re-open and expand their activities in keeping with guidelines. Pray that covid will not continue to spread in our region this summer.

There are several serve opportunities and more coming soon on the webpage at https://www.creeksidechurch.ca/thebigserve/