**LIFEGROUP STUDY**

**The ReBoot: Join the Movement**

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**LEADER NOTES**

**OVERVIEW**

Welcome back to our LifeGroup study series called ReBoot! ReBoot is all about this season we are in where many things are re-starting, re-building, re-energizing after the summer and after a long season of pandemic. God wants to do something new in our lives and in our church. An exciting way He is doing this is through the responsibility we have as believers is to introduce others to Jesus. Creekside is designed around a strategy that calls on all of us to involve ourselves in the lives of others and invite them to meet Jesus. We do this both personally in one-to-one conversations and corporately through group engagement. The goal of today’s study is to help us commit to the involve and invite strategy, to experience the joy of introducing people to Jesus.

**ICEBREAKER** The Invitation

Share a story with your group about a time when you received an exciting invitation. Maybe a friend offered you a ticket to a sold out sporting event. Maybe you got invited to a social gathering of people you couldn’t wait to meet. **What exciting invitation story can you share with your group?**

**STUDY**

1. On Sunday, Chris Burge shared a key value at Creekside that we want to live out – Involve and Invite. **What is this value about? What does it look like to involve and invite?**

LEADER NOTES: Involve and Invite is a key strategy we have at Creekside for sharing the Good News of Jesus with our world. “Involve” is about connecting in the lives of people in our sphere of influence - our neighbours, co-workers, those we are in contact with who are not followers of Jesus. It’s about taking an interest in their lives and serving them as we have opportunity. A key way we involve ourselves in the lives of others is by loving them. This is about listening to and taking an interest in their story by getting to know who they are, coming alongside and helping them as we can and asking them questions to show interest in them. “Invite” is about responding to God’s leading to invite them to get to know Jesus. This can include sharing the Gospel with them, praying for them and inviting them to church, or to programs like Alpha where they can hear more.

1. Share your story in group about how you first came to Creekside. **Did someone invite you? If so, how did they do it?**

LEADER NOTES: Many people who come to Creekside have a story of someone who invited them. Some of your group members may not have been invited, but perhaps they have invited someone else to come. Encourage your group members to share their stories.

1. Read Acts 2:14-41 out loud in your group. In this reading, we’ll see what Peter did to invite people to put their faith in Jesus.
* Look back through the verses. **What key things did Peter emphasize as He shared about Jesus?**

LEADER NOTES: There are some key strategies Peter used as he shared about Jesus. First, he quoted the Bible (vs. 17-21, 25-28, 34-35). God can use the Scriptures to inspire, convict and speak to people about the truth of what is being shared about His Son. (see Hebrews 4:12). Peter emphasized the miracles and wonders Jesus did that confirmed He is the Son of God (Acts 2:22). The uniqueness of Jesus and the miracles of Jesus are key reasons we can believe in Him. Peter talked about Jesus’ death on the cross and resurrection, how these events were prophesied in Scripture (vs. 22-36). Understanding why Jesus had to die and what his death and resurrection means for us are key elements of the Gospel.

1. In Acts 2:37 we read the people’s response to the Gospel – “Peter’s words pierced their hearts.” **Do you think this is a typical response people have when they hear about Jesus today? Why or why not?**

LEADER NOTES: God used Peter’s words to strike to the hearts of his hearers. The fact that their hearts were pierced shows they were convicted by what Peter said, convicted about their sin and their role in condemning Jesus to die on the cross. Today, a conviction about our sin and our need for a Saviour is still necessary. We need to understand we are sinners in need of a Saviour! (see Romans 3:23)

1. Look again at Acts 2:38. In response to their question about what they should do, Peter tells them they should repent and turn to God and be baptized. Talk as a group about these three steps. **What does it mean to repent? What does it look like to turn to God? Why is being baptized such an important part of this?**

LEADER NOTES: These three steps Peter told the people to take are key steps for us to take today. To repent is to turn from our old way of thinking and living, and turn to a new way of thinking and living. Repentance is about confessing we are sinners in need of a Saviour, turning from our sin and turning to our Saviour. To turn to God is to place our faith and trust in His Son, Jesus. This is about embracing Jesus as our Sin Forgiver and our Life Leader. Baptism is our declaration that we have made a decision to follow Jesus. It is an outward act of obedience declaring an inward change in our life. You may have group members who need to take one of these steps!

1. Think again about our value, “Involve and Invite”. **What next step do you sense God calling you to take to live this out? How can your LifeGroup encourage you to take a next step?**

LEADER NOTES: There are several next steps your group members may feel prompted to take. One is a next step to involve themselves in the lives of others. This may be about reaching out to a neighbour, connecting for coffee with a co-worker or checking in with a family member who is not a follower of Jesus. Another step could be growing their confidence in sharing the Gospel. There are some great resources out there to help with this. Here’s one <https://www.gotquestions.org/share-the-gospel.html> A third step someone in your group may be considering is to invite their friend to Creekside. A great ministry to connect them to is Alpha <https://www.creeksidechurch.ca/alpha/>

**PRAYER**

* Praying for those who need to hear: Pray for people God has placed on the hearts of your group members, people who need to hear the Good News of Jesus! Ask God to work in their hearts to draw them to Him.
* Involve and invite: Ask God to guide you to next steps you can take to get involved in the lives of people. Ask for His guidance to open up opportunities to invite them to check out more of who Jesus is.
* Your LifeGroup: Ask God to work through your LifeGroup to share the Good News of Jesus. Together as a group, you can be used by God to involve and invite!

**LIFEGROUP GUIDELINES**

The following guidelines will help you lay the foundation for a healthy LifeGroup experience. Feel free to modify these guidelines to make them your own.

**AS A GROUP WE AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING VALUES:**

**Clear Purpose:** To pursue healthy spiritual lives as we FOLLOW JESUS, LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE.

**Group Attendance:** Give priority to the group meeting (call if I’m going to be absent or late)

**Safe Environment:** To create a safe place where people can be heard and feel loved (no quick answers, snap judgments or simple fixes).

**Confidentiality:** To keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group.

**Welcome Newcomers:** To invite friends who might benefit from this study and to warmly welcome newcomers.

**Building Relationships:** To get to know the other members of the group and pray for them regularly.

**Responsibility:** To take an active role in the responsibilities of this group.

**WHAT WE WANT TO DO ABOUT:**

Refreshments/Mealtimes:

Childcare:

When and where we will meet: (consider rotating homes and responsibilities)

We will do our best to attend the following service together: