



You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 Timothy 2:1-2

As a group, set the time and place and be consistent. Talk about how long this group will meet and be intentional about praying for others that will walk through this experience at the end of your time together. Keep the group to 3-5 so that the conversations can be open and honest, and let's see how God will transform your hearts and minds.

1. God, how can You be this good, to adopt me when I'm still a sinner?

Practice the discipline of receiving the new identity that comes from adoption. This may not come naturally to you, and you might need to really practice it! But by practicing, we can start doing away with the belief that we have to earn something to be "in." Live in the Grace of God.

****give a weekly update and walk through a time of confession and accountability.***

2. How am I doing loving the people whom God has placed in my life?

What do you notice? What thoughts come up? Where is Jesus out ahead of you, having prepared good works in advance, that you should walk in them? (see Ephesians 2:8-9) Where and how, this week, is Jesus calling you to love your friends and neighbors in concrete, practical terms?

****Discuss gospel opportunities and pray for God to move in these situations.***

3. Jesus, what are you speaking to me through your Holy Spirit?

Learn to discern how you hear the leading of the Holy Spirit, as you read scripture and as you listen for his whisper in everyday life. Try to make your response as concrete as possible. If, for example, you sense a need for more rest and greater margin in your life, don't just say, "I'm going to live slower" but rather, "I'm going to take three slow, prayerful walks around my neighborhood this week." The more specific and concrete, the more helpful it is!

****Study through the Word of God and make weekly application and pray for transformation.***

These questions can become a daily practice that help us be grounded in our life as disciples, adopted in love, called as ambassadors, filled with the Holy Spirit as we listen and respond. God is responsible for all three of these movements. He adopts us into His family, He presents opportunities for us to love others and He teaches us through His Holy Spirit. We respond to His unconditional love with simple obedience.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20