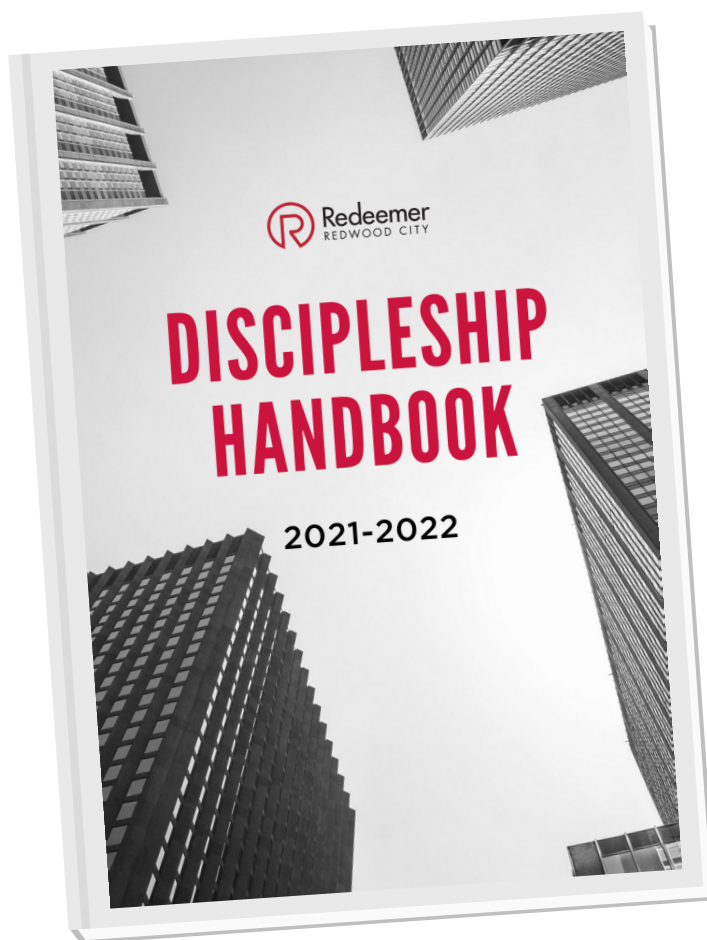




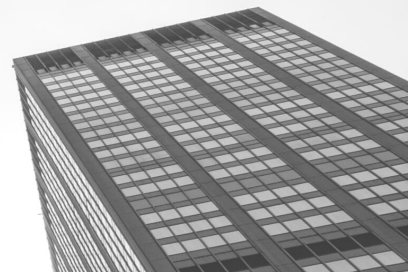
REDEEMER REFRESH

HOME GROUP STUDY GUIDE



**VIDEOS,
QUESTIONS,
& DISCUSSION
GUIDES!**

OVERVIEW



SCHEDULE:

Week 1 - Redeemer's vision

Week 2 - Redeemer's mission and beliefs

Week 3 - Discipleship - UP: your relationship with Jesus.

Week 4 - Discipleship - IN: your relationships with other Christians.

Week 5 - Discipleship - OUT: your relationships with unbelievers.

Week 6: Conclusion - Go with God!

MATERIALS

Redeemer Discipleship Handbook

- You can pick up a copy at church or contact the church office
- Have each Home Group member read through the Discipleship Handbook before starting, and then review the section to be covered that week.

Sunday Sermons starting 9/12

- You can find out sermons on our youtube page:
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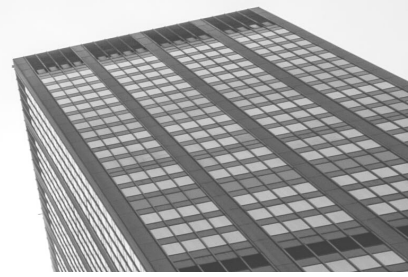
Home Group videos and discussion guides

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***For Home
Group Videos!***

WEEK 1: REDEEMER'S VISION



VIDEO:

- "Redeemer's Vision: Week 1 Redeemer Refresh Video Series"
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READING:

- Read Nehemiah 1:1-11 and 2:1-5, 17
- Read "Redeemer's Vision" on page 4 of The Discipleship Handbook

DISCUSSION GUIDE:

1. In Chapter 1, what burden did God put on Nehemiah's heart?
2. What are some of the key things Nehemiah prayed for?
3. Why do you think these are important?
4. In Chapter 2:5, 17 - what was the clear vision God gave to Nehemiah?

A FEW THINGS TO REVIEW ABOUT VISION:

- God uses vision to help lead us to a new and better future reality.
- It works by creating a contrast between the current reality and the future vision - and lays out a path of key things to help get you there.
- God reveals vision through his word, prayer, discernment, reflection, and Christian counsel.
- God's vision is always focused on his plans and purposes for our lives.
- God's vision requires his power to accomplish.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Share an experience from your life when you sensed God gave you a clear vision and helped make it a reality. How did it happen? What challenges did you face? How did that vision serve God's purposes and will?
2. Have each person in your group share something in your life that either
 - God has given you clear vision that you are working toward, or
 - something in your life that you are seeking clearer vision from God.
 - How is the process going for you?

3. Redeemer's Vision

At the heart of Redeemer's vision is the reality that in today's context in Redwood City, few people will hear about Jesus for the first time by coming to church - it is far more likely it will happen through a Christian friend.

In your Discipleship Handbook, a few things are included in Redeemer's vision for the future. Redeemer's vision is to be a community of....

- Spirit-led followers of Jesus
- Who exist to love and serve others
- Connecting people
- with the result of seeing 250 people baptized and living on mission with Jesus by 2031....
- For the purpose of multiplying God's kingdom in Redwood City.

As a group, discuss this vision. Imagine it is 2031, and this vision has been realized - describe what Redeemer looks like.

- What is the makeup of Redeemer?
- What are the people of Redeemer doing?
- What is different about Redeemer than it is today?
- Think about things like worship, facilities, Home and Connect groups, school, programs, community service.

CLOSING QUESTIONS:

Think of 5-10 people in your life that don't know Jesus that you can pray for by name everyday.

Three things to think about, pray about, and envision:

1. Can you envision being used by God to bring an unbeliever to faith in Jesus?
2. Can you envision helping that new believer learn about being a disciple of Jesus?
3. Can you envision helping that new disciple of Jesus learn to be a disciple maker?

Can you envision this? How does it make you feel? What thoughts does it bring to mind?

WEEK 2: REDEEMER'S MISSION & BELIEFS



VIDEO:

- "Redeemer's Mission & Beliefs- Week 2 Redeemer Refresh Video Series"
- Scan the QR code or visit our youtube channel & locate the Home Group Video Playlist at www.youtube.com/RedeemerRWC/playlists



READING:

- Read Redeemer Discipleship Handbook Page 4-6
- Read I John 4:9-11 and Luke 5:1-11

INTRODUCTION:

What you believe profoundly affects the way you live your life, it determines your priorities, how you spend your time and money, and what you live for.

At Redeemer, we talk about our core belief as the message of the cross, and our core mission as making disciples of Jesus. That's the focus of our topic in week 2.

OPENING DISCUSSION:

1. Share one person in your life who has had a profound impact on who you are and how you live your life.
2. Share 2 or 3 things they did that influenced you.
3. Share one or two people in your life who you are now trying to guide, teach, mentor and invest in. What kinds of things are you doing to invest in them?

BIBLE READING DISCUSSION:

Read I John 4:9-11 - the message of the cross

1. What phrase or sentence from this passage is personally meaningful to you?
Why?
2. Although we can't love perfectly like Jesus does, why is this passage so important for what we believe and how we live?

Read Luke 5:1-11

1. In this story there are two different ways Jesus helped his disciples learn about the Kingdom of God - what were they?
2. Why do you think Jesus used these two different ways to help them learn?

Our mission and beliefs capture WHAT we do and WHY we do it.

If you want to know WHAT Jesus wants us to do in the simplest way - it is making disciples of Jesus.

If you want to know WHY that is so important to Jesus, it can be captured in the one word - relationships.

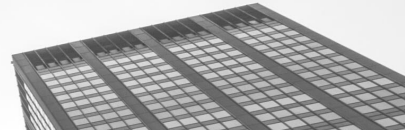
The calling of Jesus is to follow him in the work of making disciples, because he loves people and wants to live in a relationship with all people.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. What are the three most important priorities in your life? Why?
2. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate yourself in regard to believing and living out your identity and purpose in Jesus, receiving and sharing his love with others (making disciples)?
3. What are some of the things in life that distract or keep you from living out God's mission?
4. How can your Home Group help each other stay focused on living out God's mission, of being and making disciples of Jesus?

WEEK 3: DISCIPLESHIP > UP

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



VIDEO:

- "'Discipleship: UP"- Week 3 Redeemer Refresh Video Series"
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READING:

- Read Redeemer Discipleship Handbook, Pages 8-14
- John 1:35-39
- John 17
- Ephesians 4:1

INTRODUCTION:

Our discipleship to Jesus consists of three focus areas: UP, IN, and OUT. UP is our relationship with Jesus. IN is our relationship with other followers of Jesus. OUT is our relationship with people who do not follow Jesus. Today, the focus is UP - our relationship with Jesus. Our relationship with Jesus is very similar to our relationships with one another. There are attributes of healthy relationships and attributes of unhealthy relationships or even non-existent relationships. Let's grow in our relationship with Jesus!

OPENING DISCUSSION:

1. List the top 3 relationships in your life.
 - a. Why did they deserve a spot in your top 3 versus other relationships in your life?
 - b. List some characteristics of a healthy relationship.
 - c. List some characteristics of an unhealthy relationship.

BIBLE READING DISCUSSION:

Read John 1:35-39

1. What is Jesus asking from His disciples?
2. What emotions does this interaction evoke in you? Why?
3. Do you feel that this passage is asking you to do anything?

Read John 17

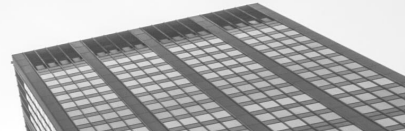
1. What do you notice about Jesus' prayer?

Read Ephesians 4:1 [Relate to the 3 C's on pages 12-14 in the Discipleship Handbook]

1. Do you feel you have clarity on your unique calling?
2. What can help you gain further clarity on your unique calling?

WEEK 4: DISCIPLESHIP > IN

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER FOLLOWERS OF JESUS



VIDEO:

- "Discipleship: IN"- Week 4 Redeemer Refresh Video Series"
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READING:

- Read the Discipleship Handbook pages 15-19
- John 13:1-17
- Hebrews 10:24-25

OPENING DISCUSSION:

Today's lesson is talking about ways we LEARN more about Jesus through experiences and relationships.

- Share a time in your life when you experienced something with a group of people that profoundly affected your faith and changed your life.

BIBLE READING DISCUSSION:

Read John 13:1-17 - Jesus washes his disciples feet

1. Imagine if you had been in the room with the disciples and Jesus washed your feet. What feelings would you experience? What thoughts would cross your mind?
2. Why do you think Peter was resistant to Jesus washing his feet?
3. Why are we often uncomfortable with asking for or receiving help from other people?
4. What things do you think Jesus is teaching us in this story?
5. How could this apply to your life?

BIBLE READING DISCUSSION:

Read Hebrews 10:24-25

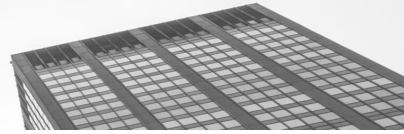
1. What things in these two verses stand out to you? Why?
2. Why do you think this teaching is a part of God's Word?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Share an example of how a Christian friendship has helped you grow in your faith and life.
2. How are you doing at prioritizing times of "discipleship" with other Christians, being in God's Word and prayer together, discussing matters of life and faith?
3. How are you doing with discipleship in your family, being in God's Word and prayer, discussing matters of life and faith together?

WEEK 5: DISCIPLESHIP > OUT

YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE WHO DON'T BELIEVE IN JESUS



VIDEO:

- "Discipleship: OUT"- Week 5 Redeemer Refresh Video Series"
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READING:

- Read the Discipleship Handbook pages 19-23
- Matthew 28:16-20

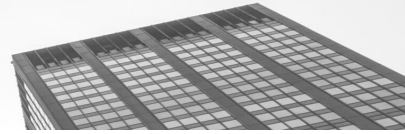
BIBLE READING DISCUSSION:

1. Read Matthew 28:16-20
2. In verse 18, Jesus states, "all authority on Heaven and earth is given to me..." Talk about what this means.
3. According to these verses, what does it look like to make disciples?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Why do you trust in and follow Jesus?
2. What would compel you to make disciples?
3. How can this Home Group encourage each other to fulfill the mission of God in making disciples? Set weekly check in points around how you all are making disciples.

WEEK 6: GO WITH GOD



VIDEO:

- "Discipleship: OUT"- Week 5 Redeemer Refresh Video Series"
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READING:

- Read the Discipleship Handbook pages 19-23
- Matthew 28:16-20

OPENING DISCUSSION:

1. Today's lesson focuses on a relationship that is rooted in being "with God" and not just what God wants "from us" or what we want "from God."
2. Why do you think we often settle for a transactional relationship with God (what God wants from us, and what we want from God) rather than a "with God" relationship, one rooted in doing life together?

BIBLE READING QUESTIONS:

1. Read Psalm 23 together - The Lord is My Shepherd
2. Why do you think this Psalm is one of the most well known and loved passages in the Bible?
3. What verse or section is the most meaningful to you? Why?
4. How does the Good Shepherd metaphor help you better understand the kind of relationship Jesus wants with you?

BIBLE READING QUESTIONS CONTINUED:

1. Read Mark 6:30-44 - the Feeding of the 5,000
2. Why do you think Jesus asks the disciples to feed the crowd of over 5,000?
Why do you think the disciples are so anxious about paying the price?
3. What are some of the lessons Jesus teaches through this miracle?
4. What lesson is the most important to you?
5. How does this help you better understand how Jesus wants to work in and through your life?

CLOSING DISCUSSION:

The video concluded with some thoughts about clarity, conviction, courage, and confidence in your life.

1. What are some things in your life that you have clarity, conviction, courage and confidence - about how God is working in your life.
2. What are some areas of your life where you are uncertain and seeking answers?
3. Who are some people in your life who don't know Jesus that you are praying for, and seeking ways to share Jesus with them?