

Title: Cross Training // **Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-4:20

ARRIVAL / SOCIAL TIME 15-20 minutes

Spend the first 15 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing with one another. Also, find time to catch up on how the assignments from last week turned out.

SERMON REVIEW 5-10 minutes

As followers of Jesus, our lives are marked by the Cross. In other words, we should be noticeably different from the world in the way we live, lead and learn. Not only will this lead to impacting the world, but this mark of the Cross will create greater unity among believers.

THE MAIN THOUGHT keep this in mind as you facilitate discussion

“The Cross changes the way we live, lead and learn.”

SEE IT – Questions 10-15 minutes

Picture: What does it mean to live missionally? What is the difference between humility and humiliation? What does it look like to learn the way of Jesus or to be a disciple of Jesus?

Mirror: Who are the people closest to you? There is a saying that we are a representation of the five people that we are the closest to. If this is true, what does this say about you? In light of living in the Cross, what does it change for you and the community that you are closest to?

Window: Dave illustrated life by climbing a ladder to get ahead, to make your way or to make a name for yourself. With the ladder mentality, there is always someone ahead of and beneath you. To lead well—to lead like Christ—we are to have an elevator mentality of lowering ourselves to help bring others up to health and wholeness. How does living on the ladder or elevator affect your career goals? How does it affect the places where you lead?

BE IT – Practice

UP // Cross Leading: 10 minutes

Sometimes we miss chances to pray for those in leadership over us. Take a few minutes those in leadership over you in your life. If you are a leader,, pray for those you lead.

IN // Cross Learning: 15 minutes

Everyone is unique but not independent. Ephesians 4 teaches that each one of us has been graced by Christ to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers—to equip his people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up in unity in the faith and becoming mature. There is a short quiz that you could take to find out your “base” in spiritual gifts (www.fivefoldsurvey.com). Discover and explore how your group can be united as a body by using your gifts to bring about maturity to your group.

OUT // Cross Living: 5 minutes

Live out the Cross by “service to everyone but slave to no one.” Think of one person that you could send a thank you card to. Look for a neighbor who could use an extra hand this week in their yard, and find a way to serve them.

CLOSING PRAYER 5 minutes

Take a few minutes to gather any prayer requests and pray for each other to SEE IT and BE IT this week.