

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 together on how the assignments from last week turned out.

SERMON REVIEW *5-10 minutes*

In the Gospel of John, "eternal life" is synonymous with how Matthew and Luke use "the Kingdom of God." If that is the case, eternal life is not only the thing that satisfies the deepest longing of men's souls, but it is also the way to live out the good news of the King in our everyday life. Jesus is the source of life, and believing in Him is the best way to connect our deepest longings with our everyday pursuits.

THE MAIN THOUGHT *keep this in mind as you facilitate discussion*

By believing in Jesus we have life through the power of His name.

SEE IT – Questions *10-15 minutes*

Picture: What do all people long for? What are two aspects of eternal life? How does Jesus give both life that survives and life that thrives? What is the connection between our longings and our pursuits?

Mirror: What do I most deeply desire? What am I using to satisfy that desire? Are my pursuits lining up with my longings?

Window: How does knowing that Jesus is the source of life impact my relationships with those around me who are hurting?

BE IT – Practice

Change UP // Exercise *15 minutes*

Read the "I am" statements in John 6:35; 11:25; 14:6. Ask the Spirit to reveal any areas where you are not looking to the Source of life in order to satisfy your longings.

Change IN // Group Activity *5 minutes*

On a piece of paper make two columns. In one column list your pursuits (what keeps you busy); in the second column list your deepest longings (what you long for more than anything else). Ask the Lord to reveal a pursuit that is getting in the way of the longings He has put in your heart. Share the pursuit that does not line up with your longing. Pray over this together, helping each other return to the source of life to satisfy your longings.

Change OUT // Life Application Assignment *5 minutes*

Set aside 15 minutes. Play your favorite quiet time music. Remember your best moments with Jesus and offer up praise to Him for always pursuing us.

Then this week as you are celebrating the Fourth of July, find a neighbor or co-worker to tell your story to. Let it be a chance to celebrate living in the Kingdom of God!

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.