

Life Group Session 3 Discussion 3

Tangible Kingdom: Relate and Share the Revelation of Jesus.

Cross Culture Church

Goal: Now that you have introduced spiritual disciplines to help encourage an ongoing relationship with Jesus that leads to transformation, and you have given examples of seeing life as a seminar to become like Jesus, it's time to learn what it means to start to live a great neighbor life/missional life. This week we focus on how it all works when it comes to sharing the gospel.

Connect:

- 1) Does anyone have a See. Listen and Share Story from the previous week..
- 2) Your 5- Ask if everyone has written down 5 people they are praying for who don't know Jesus. If not they can pick up their cards at church on Sunday mornings.
- 3) Go around and have anyone share the person they would take with them on a stranded island other than Jesus. Cant bring everyone, just 1 so who and why?

Discuss:

Everyone is one story away from having a HUGE BUT, not the BUTT with two T's.

“But” is my favorite word in the Bible. Throughout Scripture we see “but God,” or “but Christ,” or “but when...” Something was lost, *but* now it's found. Someone was dead, *but* is now alive. A person was blind, *but* now can see. There was no way, *but God* made a way.

The word “but” in Scripture often introduces the message of the gracious and compassionate intervention of God. This simple term captures the nature of our God. He redeems, resurrects, and makes all things new. All seems lost and then we hear, “but God.” He intervenes. He saves.

Read

11 I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. 12 I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

13 For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. 14 I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased 16 to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles....Galatians 1:11-16, NIV

Paul's "But God," was that he opposed Christians and then Jesus saved him to be a disciple making machine in partnership with the Holy Spirit. Everyone has a before God but very few people hear the , "But God part," and experience His power to save and change.

Share:

Last session we spoke of the plan to See. Listen and Share. To focus that down more let's start with how God has changed you. Remember this is a judgment free zone and God uses our testimony to change lives and show people that, "But God.' Go around and have each person practice sharing with you all a , "But God," story. Follow the pattern before God, but God, and now life with God...

Action Steps:

Commit: The missional life has to be done with intention. It means we look for what God is up to, but letting go of what we are up to. The missional life has to be done with others. We will talk about missional living with others. We can't do it alone. Be intentional in looking for opportunities to see God moving in you and others everyday.

See, Listen and Share: This week look for areas where God might be working in someone's life that might be similar to your before God story and take time to tell them the, "But God," part and see what happens.

Pray together. Life group leader starts the prayer but everyone goes around and says out loud the names of the people you wrote down that don't know Jesus (share even if you haven't done your 5). **Pray that God will draw them to Jesus. That God's Spirit will work in their circumstances and through others to draw them to Jesus. Pray for the words to say if you see the opportunity to share. Pray that many , "But God's will take place through your life group.**