

Faith Promise Discussion Questions
5.28.17

Leader Prep Section

Take time before your small group meeting to prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select 4-5 questions that are best suited to your group.

Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.

When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

Hook - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.

1. Other than faith in Jesus, what is something people who know you would say you are an evangelist for? In other words, what is something you are so excited about that you love to tell people all about it?

Read Psalm 96

Questions:

Book - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.

1. How is "evangelism" or "the mission impulse" expressed in this OT psalm?
2. What does "missions" look like in this Psalm? In other words, who is doing what?
3. What motivates mission in this text?
4. What is the scope of mission? Who or what is being reached out to?
5. What do we learn about what God is like from this passage?

Look - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.

1. How is the way mission is expressed here similar to ways you have heard it explained in the church? How is it different?
2. If a person's heart was captured by the message of this Psalm, what might their life look like?
3. If a community's heart was captured by the message of this Psalm, what would their life together look like?
4. If you had to take the message of this Psalm and put it on a bumper sticker, what would that bumper sticker say? (give people 5 minutes then share)

Took - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.

1. Is there an attitude, an idea, a previous understanding that God might be inviting you to let go of or unlearn in order to have the heart of this Psalm?
2. Is there an attitude, an idea, a practice that God might be inviting you to take up or learn in order to have the heart of this Psalm?
3. Who does this Psalm make you want to pray for?
4. What does this Psalm make you want to pray?

Closing

There are missionaries in our midst, the ones we think of most often are those who have been called and commissioned to serve vocationally as missionaries. However, we are all part of the charge contained in the Great Commission to go and make disciples. Take time to pray for

wisdom to know how best to support the missionaries of Hillcrest. Then spend some time praying for one another for clear opportunities to be missionaries in your neighborhoods.