

STARTING WELL: CORNERSTONE STARTER GROUP STUDY

// REACHING OUT //

WARM UP

Enjoy the snacks and your time of connecting.

Everyone select a **Group Role** to try this week.

Choose an Icebreaker to play.

OPEN IN PRAYER

WATCH THE VIDEO (03:39)

DISCUSS

1. Share about a time you were on the “outside” of community and someone welcomed you in. What did that experience feel like?
2. Do you agree with the observation that once people have formed close relationships, they tend to turn inward and form cliques? If so, why do you think this happens?
3. Share about a time you served others (eg volunteering, missions trip, helping some out, etc.). How did that experience impact you?
4. Read Mark 10:45. Do you think our culture has an attitude of wanting to be served or to serve? What are some ways you see that?

5. In John 13, Jesus tells his disciples to follow his example and serve others. Why do you think serving is so important to reaching others for Jesus?

PRAYER

Divide into groups of two or three. Share a prayer request for yourself. Pray for each other.

HOUSEKEEPING

Potluck: Next week is your group's last session. Celebrate with a potluck dinner. Coordinate what people will bring.

Gift: Next week, you will spend time giving and receiving small gifts to one another. Thoughtfully *find one tangible item* that symbolizes your experience in this Starter Group (eg something you learned, a memory that sticks out, friendships you've formed, etc.).

You will give this gift to each member of your group. You only need to find one item, but *you need one for every* member of the group, including yourself. (You don't need to spend a lot of money. You can make them or buy them at the Dollar Store. The point is to find something meaningful that represents your experience with your group.)

Decide to continue with the group: The group will talk next week about continuing on as a group. Decide if you'll be joining them.