



Life Group
Discussion Guide
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STARTING
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Discussion Questions

Leader Notes

"If you don't own your part of your history, you will lay the groundwork for undermining your own future."
-Stuart

Helpful Hint: Get people involved in the discussion by asking non-threatening questions that will engage the whole group.

Discussion Kick Off

1. When something goes wrong, it's our natural instinct to blame others rather than take responsibility. How does this affect your relationships with others?
2. When have you seen someone repeat mistakes from the past because that person didn't take ownership of his or her part of the mistake?

Evaluate It

1. Why do you think it is difficult to recognize and own our part in the mistakes we make?
2. What are some things in your past from which you've hidden? In what ways did that make you unavailable for the people in your life?
3. In what ways has avoiding blame made you unavailable to the primary person in your life?
4. How does averting responsibility hinder your growth as a Christ follower?
5. What is one area of your life where you haven't owned your part of past results? What can you do this week to begin to own your past? What can this group do to support you?

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Genesis 1:27-28, 3:8-13

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

- Matthew 5:8

Make It Personal

1. Stuart challenged us to draw a circle and own our part of the mistakes we make. Draw a slice that represents the part you played in the mistakes. What could you have done differently?

Circle of Blame:



At the end of the discussion, take a moment to take prayer requests from the group (if you haven't done so) and pray for your group before you end your time together.

"I had the opportunity and the information and I failed to make use of it. I don't know what an inquest or a court of law would say, but I stand condemned in the court of my own conscience to be guilty of not preventing the Columbia disaster...The bottom line is that I failed to understand what I was being told; I failed to stand up and be counted. Therefore look no further; I am guilty of allowing the Columbia to crash." -Launch Integration Manager N. Wayne Hale Jr., after the Columbia space shuttle explosion which killed seven astronauts.

Starting a Table or Life Group? Take a look at the helpful information below:

Who establishes and makes up a table or life group?

1. Husband & Wife
2. Family
3. 2-5 Guys
4. 2-5 Ladies
5. 2-5 Couples

Where do they meet?

1. Kitchen table
2. Coffee table
3. Cafe table
4. Restaurant table
5. Picnic table
6. Work table
7. Round table

- Meeting (how often, how long): Weekly or bi-weekly (day and time is decided by the group). No more than 2 hours.
- Who should lead a table or life group? Leadership can be shared or the group may choose a leader.
- How long should the group stay together? The group should commit to stay together 6-8 weeks. Groups can renew their commitment to meet together at the end of that time, but initially groups should stay together 6-8 weeks.
- What happens if the group is too big to meet around a table? No table or life group should have more than 15 individuals. If a group grows to have more than 15 participants, there are two options:
 - Multiply into separate tables (groups of less than 15) or
 - Seek to establish a life group (10-20 participants)
- If you have any questions or would like to establish a life group, please contact Jason Fox at 270-765-4994 or jason@fcetown.com.

If you would like to talk with a minister,
call 270-765-4994 to set up an appointment or contact:

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