3X3 Discipleship Journey



"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20 NIV 20

The Lord Jesus Christ spoke these words to his disciples during a time of encouragement and training. The Lord was calling his followers to see their need for one another by giving them a promise. Jesus Christ pledged himself to those who purposefully join together in his name. As you meet together in your small group, you are creating an opportunity for the Lord to fulfill his promise. As you join with one another in a time of discussion, prayer, and fellowship, know that Jesus Christ will join you as well.

Questions for Meeting One:

- Describe one way that you have recently seen spiritual growth in yourself?
 Where has the Lord been at work in your heart, in your work, or in your home?
- 2. Is there a spiritual discipline or habit that you feel led to strengthen or revisit?
 - Are you feeling the Lord calling you toward growth in areas such as the reading of the Bible, more meaningful times of prayer, times of focus and fasting, or times of solitude?
- 3. Describe an area of struggle that has been used lately to tempt you to lose sight of your true identity as a child of God?
 - Name an area of need for which you need support and encouragement from others.

Commit to praying for one another as you depart.

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another -and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:23-25 NIV 23

You made it to the second meeting! Well done. Your decision to persevere and to invest in others, while allowing them to invest in you, is exactly what the Lord wants for your life. It is God's will that you be invested in those around you, especially those seated with you today.

Questions for Meeting Two:

1. Share one passage of scripture that has been important to you recently.

Share a verse or passage that has recently impacted you and describe how the Lord has used this truth to challenge, encourage, or guide you.

2. What is God teaching you through your current season or circumstances?

The Lord is always at work in your life. How do you see God at work in your current circumstances?

3. In what ways are you struggling to trust or obey God right now?

Be honest about the areas where your faith is being tested. Invite your group to pray with you and walk alongside you.

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"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV 11

The people who join you in this discipleship journey are a blessing to you. The Lord Jesus Christ has given us the people of the family of faith as a gift of strength and encouragement. As you allow others to invest in you, encourage you, and lift you up in prayer, you provide for them the blessing of being used by God to build up the Body of Christ. As you make the choice to place the needs of those around you ahead of your own, you also are used by God to make an eternal investment in the Body of Christ. Let today be a day of encouragement and support. Try not to give advice, rather be a gift of support as you build up those around you.

Questions for Meeting Three:

1. How have you experienced the presence or guidance of the Lord this week?

Share one of those moments when the Lord felt near, where you sensed the Spirit's direction, or how you've seen the faithfulness of God at work.

2. Who are you intentionally loving or serving in Jesus' name?

Name one person with whom you are actively seeking to share the love of God?

3. Who in your life needs to hear the hope of the Gospel, and how might you share it?

Name one person that you are willing to speak to about your faith in Jesus Christ. Ask those with you to pray for your boldness and obedience to the call of Christ.

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"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Philippians 2:3-4 NIV 3

In this calling, given to every follower of Jesus Christ, there is something that is beyond our human ability. In our own strength, we cannot truly place the needs of others ahead of our own. This kind of selflessness is truly beyond our grasp. But, if we will surrender to the Lord, our selfish desires and need to be seen as important, right, and justified in our actions, then we will see a miracle. As we acknowledge our own limitations, the Holy Spirit enables us to love in ways that are impossible without this supernatural support. Today, ask the Lord to help your group to set aside your own agendas and needs so that you can be a blessing to one another.

Questions for Meeting Four:

- 1. Describe one way you have experienced God's gift of joy over this last week?
 - Describe one area of your life for which you are grateful to the Lord. Allow those with you to encourage you in this area.
- 2. What is one step of faith you sense God asking you to take as you trust in his leadership?
 - Identify one practical next step that aligns with your sense of God's calling on your life, however big or small.
- 3. How can we support and pray for you in the coming week?

If possible, be specific. Allow those around you to bring your need, want, or desire to the Lord every day until they see you again.

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"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:8-10 NIV α 8

The Lord has given you his very Spirit and with it, his gifts. Because the Holy Spirit is alive in you, you will find that you possess a strong desire to allow the Lord to use these gifts as you build connections with those the Lord has placed into your path. The first step toward being used by the Lord in such a way is acknowledgement of the work and person of God's gift of the Holy Spirit within you. As you embrace the work of the Lord within you, you will find more and more opportunity to use the various gifts of the Spirit as you serve those around you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Questions for Meeting Five:

- 1. What is one way you have experienced God shaping your character lately?
 - Briefly describe a situation in which the Lord used your circumstances to teach you or mature your faith in some way.
- 2. How has the Lord used your 3X3 meetings to help you grow and mature in your faith and experience with God?
 - Describe how the Lord has used those around you, the times of prayer, or the provided material to teach you more about yourself or about the Lord.
- 3. Name one area of your life in which you need to surrender more fully to Christ?
 - Be honest with your discipleship partners. Allow them to demonstrate their love for you by allowing them to share this burden with you.

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The Plan

Select two others of the same sex, make a plan to meet five times, and use this booklet as a guide.

Allow time for each person to share and commit to pray for one another while you are apart.

Please let the church know the names of those in your group and communicate your needs using the following QR code.



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