

Leader's Notes

Rooted and Reaching - Week #6

Week of October 15, 2017

NOTES TO LEADERS: Our focus for this week is on investing and inviting with the people in our worlds. We will, though, continue to include the topic of creating margin in our lives. The discussion and application this week is about how we invest in (love) people and invite them to take next steps.

Share it

Have you had the experience of someone taking interest in you in order to sell you something? What did you feel and why?

NOTES TO LEADERS: This is a set-up that Todd will speak about on Sunday.

Study the Bible

What do we learn about how Jesus and His followers loved people? Include what they did and the world view /approach to life that they needed.

Matthew 8:5-7

Matthew 11:28-30

Luke 19:1-7

Acts 9:36

1 Thessalonians 2:5-8

1 Timothy 2:1-2

Titus 3:1-2

How would you summarize what it means to love others? What doesn't it mean?

NOTES TO LEADERS: The point of this study is to see that Jesus and Paul loved people without condition or agenda. This does not mean that we cannot be intentional about specific people. As we see above, Paul focused on people that were in his world.

Discuss Together

Who is someone you love that you were proud to introduce to others? What did this feel like? Can we do this in a way that makes people uncomfortable?

NOTES TO LEADERS: I remember so well introducing Diane to people and feeling so excited that they could know this amazing person. However, if I try to persuade people to think highly of Diane, it becomes uncomfortable to her and the other person.

Why is it sometimes difficult to introduce people to Jesus? What fears and feelings accompany? What makes this easier or more difficult?

NOTES TO LEADERS: Answer = fears. We're afraid that it is up to us to persuade people to want Jesus, afraid that we will fail, afraid that we will lose our friendship, etc.

Our lead statement: "Investing in people in your world gives you credibility to invite them to "taste and see." What helps us do this without making people feel like we're selling something? When it comes to "investing in people," what feels more or less genuine?

NOTES TO LEADERS: (see above) What helps is to be real in our love, to be relaxed and listening well in our conversations, to allow God to do the wooing, and to know that the Holy Spirit is working.

May our Father spread His grace through you,

Steve