

BIG IDEA

In order to BLESS our neighbor, Jesus invites us to begin with prayer.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:12-16

ICEBREAKER & OPENING THOUGHT

The goal of this is to get everyone talking and sharing something comfortably. The opening thought introduces the main idea of the night, don't worry about getting too deep into the conversation yet, that will come.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

As a group read through the Bible sections slowly. Sometimes it can be helpful to read it in a different translation or read it twice in two different translations. Remember that there are no right or wrong answers in discussing scripture. Be sure to invite everyone to share; it can be intimidating at times for people to discuss the Bible – be sensitive to that.

LIFE APPLICATION

Read the quote and let people share what comes to mind. Listening is a life skill we may think we already do well, but most of could work to cultivate that skill in our relationships. It might just be the thing that our friends, coworkers, family members, and neighbors need.

CHALLENGE

Make a plan this week to truly listen to the people in your life by beginning to pray, "Jesus, help me to listen today." Have a conversation where your only goal is to discover what your friend or colleague needs. As you listen, ask yourself if this is a practical, emotional, or spiritual need? Can you meet their need?