

Weekend message Small group study

- complementing the sermon given at St. Paul on **4/18/15 – 4/19/15**
- a meeting agenda organized per St. Paul core values
- estimated for a 90-minute meeting

Equipping “the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” –Eph. 4:12

Below is a tool to help delegate the leading/facilitating of meeting components between different small group members.

	Prayer (p.4)	Outreach (p.3)	Word of God (p.2)	Equipping (p. 4)	Worship - Our Redemption Response - (p.2)
Study component leader					

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Introduction

Mark 16:6-7 (ESV)

⁶ And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.”⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

John 20:24-25 (ESV)

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

Worship – Our Redemption Response**5 minutes**

All to read type in bold. The worship leader to read type not bolded.

From different lives:

We come to worship.

From good weeks and bad weeks:

We come to worship.

Bringing great times and painful memories:

We come to worship.

Needing healing, needing peace:

We come to worship.

With hope in our hearts:

We come to worship.

To the Almighty God:

We come to worship.

To the King of Kings:

We come to worship.

Together:

We come to worship.

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Word of God**45 minutes**

1. How did you SEE God at work in your life this week?
2. What has God been teaching you in HIS WORD?
3. *One very important lesson to learn in life is that **choices** have **consequences**.
The Gospel has the power to...**change consequences**.*

How do you find the two sentences above to be true? How have you seen examples in the Bible? How have you seen examples in your life?

4. *Grief destroys, breaks down as effectively as it can unite.*

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5. In John 20:24-25 (found in the introduction), why didn't Thomas believe? How did Jesus reassure Thomas?
6. In Mark 16:6-7 (found in the introduction), the message of the angels on Easter morning was to share the message of the resurrection with Peter and the disciples. Why mention Peter by name? Why was Peter not *with* the disciples? How did Jesus reassure Peter?
7. How do you relate to Thomas and/or Peter? How does Jesus reassure you?

Outreach

15 minutes

Read 1 John 4:1-6.

"...every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God." (1 John 4:2b-3a ESV)



Review verses 1-6 and count how many times the word "from" is used. What is John differentiating in his repetitious use of "from"?

How does this help you better understand where you are from? How does it help you better understand where those in your life, your community, are from?

What are the personal implications in knowing where you and those around you are from?

If you are from God and confess the truth of Jesus Christ, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10 ESV), in a gracious and loving way, how may those around you better learn where you are from, so that the Word and Spirit would transform their "from"?

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Prayer

20 minutes

Share a prayer request based on what was discussed during this meeting's *Word of God* and/or *Outreach* time. What is that next step in your faith life God is calling you to make? What convicted you from God's Word and/or our discussion of His Word? Please also share a way in which the group may support/encourage you regarding what you've shared. Of course other important matters can be prayed about as well. After all have shared, pray for the person on your left (whether aloud or silently). Pray together in popcorn style (as opposed to going in order around a circle.)

Equipping *for coordinating next week's meeting...*

5 minutes

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