



Weekend message Small group study

- complementing the sermon given at St. Paul on **9/19/15-9/20/15.**
- a meeting agenda organized per St. Paul core values
- estimated for a 90-minute meeting

Week One – Sailing the 3-C’s

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.7)	Outreach (p.6)	Word of God (p.2)	Equipping (p. 7)	Worship - Our Redemption Response - (p.2)
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Worship – Our Redemption Response

5 minutes

Praising God through Romans 8

Worship champion: If God is for us...

ALL: Who can be against us?

Worship champion: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

ALL: There is no condemnation because You Jesus have set us free from the law of sin and death.

Worship champion: We praise you God because you sent your own Son to be our sin offering.

ALL: And because of that, we can live in freedom.

Worship champion: God didn't even spare his own Son. Won't he graciously give us all things? Who, indeed, will separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

ALL: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors because He has loved us.

Worship champion: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALL: (an enthusiastic) Amen!

Worship champion: And so the truth has been spoken. There is now no condemnation because of your great love.

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. 1 Corinthians 1:9 (ESV) states – “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” As Jesus followers, what is our primary calling in life? What are the implications of this calling in our lives...in your life?

4. How would you unpack the phrase *Connecting Christ With Community*? What does this look like?
5. **Read Exodus 3:1-4:17.** What did God call Moses to? What was the issue in Moses' heart when God called him to serve through a burning bush?
6. **Read Isaiah 6:1-8.** Upon what foundation did Isaiah volunteer to serve God as His prophet?
7. As we are *Connecting Christ With Community*, there are rough waters ahead. This is not an "if" but a "when" and often times a "now." In the face of these rough waters, what is God's promise to everyone He calls? (Hint: Read 1 Peter 5:10)

Outreach

15 minutes

"But soon a fierce storm came down on the lake. The boat was filling with water, and they were in real danger. The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we're going to drown!' When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves. Suddenly the storm stopped and all was calm." (Luke 8:23b-24 NLT)

What storms in life have you faced? How have you reacted to them?

If the disciples had already seen incredible miracles of Jesus, why would they worry of a storm when Jesus was with them?

Like the disciples, maybe we all need the reminder. The disciples forgot the powerful force that was with them in the boat. We who follow Jesus today, who have Jesus living in us, forget the fact.

Paul needed to remind the early church of this as well.

He reminded the Corinthians, "Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you." (2 Corinthians 2:5 NLT)

He reminded the Galatians, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." (Galatians 2:20 NLT)

He reminded the Colossians, "And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory." (Colossians 1:27 NLT)

The good news in this reality. When Jesus said to His disciples, "Where is your faith?", he said this after He calmed the storm. He didn't wait for them to get their "act together." He heard their desperate plea, "Master, Master...", answered it, and did so immediately.

Looking back over those storms you've experienced, how did you see Jesus: Storm-calmer in action? In your words how would you explain storms, faith, fear and trust in Jesus to another, especially one going through their own storm of life?

Excerpt from <http://craigmattes.blogspot.com/2015/08/meet-jesus-day-28-of-40-storm-calmer.html>.

Prayer

20 minutes

In your triads, 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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