

LOOK BACK

Get to know you.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“What would your friends say you grumble about most?”* *

Follow up.

Did you get to share with someone about Jesus or what He has done in your life?
How else did you obey God this last week?

Vision. Jesus said, “Go make disciples of all the nations.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus who become Disciples of Jesus who become Disciple Makers.

LOOK UP

In the passage we look at today, Jesus refers to an event in Israel’s history. In the days of Moses, the Israelites were being attacked by poisonous snakes because of their rebellion against God. But if anyone bitten by a snake looked up at the bronze snake that Moses had lifted up on a pole, they would be healed and not die. Here Jesus refers to Himself as “the Son of Man.” Before we read the Bible, let’s pray that God to speak to each of us.

Pray.

Read. We will read through passage three times and then discuss it, so listen carefully.
Get three people to read **John 3:14-17.** **

Discuss these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so.
Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
How does the Israelites getting bitten by poisonous snakes relate to us today?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
How does the snake on a pole relate to what Jesus came to do?
How would you describe the way God wants us to relate to Him?
4. How does this make you feel? Why?

LOOK FORWARD

As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. We’re going to pray silently for one minute. Pray something like this:

“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me?” [1 min. silent prayer]

Share. Would anyone like to share your answer to these questions:

1. How will you obey what God is saying to you through this passage?
2. Who does God want you to tell what Jesus has done in your life?

Closing Prayer

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

* Use a different “icebreaker” if you prefer.

** Reading from different translations often helps.