

Getting to Know Each Other.

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *"What is an embarrassing experience you had as you were growing up?"* *

Follow up. Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

Vision. Jesus told us to "Make disciples." The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

Bible Study Introduction. After His Last Supper with the disciples, this is what Jesus says to them.

Pray. Before we read the Scripture, let's pray that God will speak to each one of us.

Read. We will read through the passage two times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get two people to read **Mark 14:27-31**. **

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?
 - Earlier that evening, in verse 18, Jesus told His disciples that one of them would betray Him. How did the disciples respond to that statement? (see verse 19)
 - Now Jesus tells His disciples that they are *all* going to desert Him. What does Peter's response show about Peter?
 - How do you think Peter should have responded when he was told that he would deny even knowing Jesus that very night?
 - What are some examples of ways that we "desert" or "deny" Jesus by things we do or say?
 - Knowing that you and I have the same weaknesses as the disciples, what do you think would be good to pray for as you begin each day? [*for humility, to be faithful, what else?*]
3. What does this passage show us about God?
 - Even though Jesus said they would all desert Him, what does the promise that He was going to meet them in Galilee show about Jesus? How does that make you feel?

Obeying Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this:
"Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?" [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let's close in prayer.

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."

* If there are no new people, you can skip the "icebreaker."
** Reading from different translations often helps.