

The Jesus MeetUp
(Meeting Host Outline)

As I Have Taught You!

START AND END ON TIME!

Ice Breaker Game:

Interview

Divide everyone into pairs. Ask them to take three minutes to interview each other. Each interviewer has to find 3 interesting facts about their partner. Bring everyone back to together and ask everyone to present the 3 facts about their partner to the rest of the group. Watch the time on this one, keep it moving along.

Ice Breaker Question:

1. What would be your perfect job?

Speaking: ^{138:1.2} Before they began this first two weeks of service, Jesus announced to them that he desired to ordain twelve apostles to continue the work of the kingdom after his departure and authorized each of them to **choose one** man from among his early converts for membership in the projected corps of apostles. John spoke up, asking: “But, Master, will these six men **come into our midst** and share all things equally with us who have been with you since the Jordan and have heard all your teaching in preparation for this, our first labor for the kingdom?” And Jesus replied: “Yes, John, **the men you choose shall become one with us, and you will teach them all that pertains to the kingdom, even as I have taught you.**” After thus speaking, Jesus left them.

Joke or story: (We couldn't find good jokes regarding people moving in with someone but we did find a few funny 'moving stories')

A customer reserved one month of storage for a large moving pod. As everything was being finalized, the customer asked if it would be OK if he and his dog could live in the large moving pod while it was in storage.

An aquarium was packed and shipped. Not unusual right? Except that it was shipped with the water and fish still in it! The customer then filed a water damage claim.

A woman called to inquire how many days it would take for the trailer to arrive at the destination. When she was told 4-5 days she was concerned. She was worried that the food she had left in the freezer might spoil.

(A fun story is great when in a group of people. Find something fun to say or something for them to laugh about. Humor goes a LONG way in warming up a room full of people.

Question: Can you hear the pin drop when Jesus told them that these new men would be ‘moving in with them’? What do you think they may have been thinking?

Speaking: Spiritual living mightily increases true self-respect. But self-respect is not self-admiration. Self-respect is always co-ordinate with the love and service of one's fellows. It is not possible to respect yourself more than you love your neighbor; the one is the measure of the capacity for the other. ~ Jesus 156:5.14

(Break into groups of 2-4 people or stay in a large group if not over 7 people)

Question for small group: What is the difference between self-respect and self-admiration? (Allow 5-7 minutes for this. If conversations die down move to the next question.)

Question for small group: How does our personal self-respect impact our spiritual living and loving service to others? (Allow 5-7 minutes for this. If conversations die down move on to the next thing.)

(Bring all back together. Try not to read this like a script. Make it your own!)

Speaking: Let's look at some word definitions:

admiration:

Something regarded as impressive or of high esteem

Can you think of someone who puts off a persona of being highly impressed with themselves? Is it attractive? Does it make you want to become closer to this person as a friend?

respect:

Something regarded with deference or dignity

There is something called the ‘Law of the Lid’. This concept holds true the fact that we cannot ascribe to someone else those things that we ourselves have not embraced personally. We can only teach or offer those things to someone else that we ourselves

have learned experiential-y. In dealing with people theory will never make the mark. Sincerity comes from authenticity. Regarding others with deference and dignity can only occur when we ourselves understand these meanings.

In looking at this moment where our Master informs His group that 6 more men will be joining them do you think Jesus knew that this was going to challenge them? Would this challenge us today? How can we the better lower our own self-admiration and move into a deeper sense of regarding and respecting others as we seek to make friends for the kingdom of God as Jesus wants for us to so do?

Say this: Please be aware of time as others may want to speak as well.

Question: Does anyone have something that they might like to share with everyone?

(Check the time if people are talking too long or if someone is dominating the conversation. Some may need to leave and you did set a begin/end time for the meeting. People might not come back if they think that their time won't be valued.)

Remind and invite people to write down any prayer needs on the cards before they go.

Pass out the 'Reflections' take home sheets.

Ending prayer:

Invite all to join in for The Lord's Prayer as Jesus taught it:

144:3.3 Our Father who is in heaven,

144:3.4 Hallowed be your name.

144:3.5 Your kingdom come; your will be done

144:3.6 On earth as it is in heaven.

144:3.7 Give us this day our bread for tomorrow;

144:3.8 Refresh our souls with the water of life.

144:3.9 And forgive us every one our debts

144:3.10 As we also have forgiven our debtors.

144:3.11 Save us in temptation, deliver us from evil,

144:3.12 And increasingly make us perfect like yourself.

Thank everyone and say good-bye.

End of meeting (on time)

Ideas for success:

Less is more! Shorter interesting meetings are far better than ones too long and boring.

Leading a group means that everyone gets a chance to talk if they want to.

Don't let the attention seeker who talks too much ruin the experience for everyone.

Respect those who want to remain silent. They'll talk when they want to.

PRACTICE YOUR SPEAKING IN THE MIRROR AT HOME WITH A STOPWATCH!

You are the leader! It is your responsibility to keep things moving, start and end on time!

When inviting people to your group just say, "Come over this week and meet some of my friends. We just have fun and talk a little bit about what Jesus taught."