D-Group

2020 READING & MEMORY PLAN







What are D-Groups?

D-Groups are small groups consisting of people of the same gender or of married couples who meet together at least once a week in pursuit of Jesus. Over the period of two 13 week sessions, one in the spring and one in the fall, each D-Group will purpose to grow together as they engage God through his word and prayer, while also engaging others in ministry.

D-Group is not a Bible study taught by a teacher. Each member will learn to listen and be instructed by the Holy Spirit. One of the most "spiritual" things we will do is place a "?" beside the areas where we have questions, trusting the Holy Spirit to supply the answer sometime in the future.

Each individual participating in a D-Group group will be intentional to devote themselves to the reading, studying, and memorization of God's word so that it may be meditated upon and applied into their lives. They will follow the MeadowBrook reading plan, applying the H.E.A.R. (Highlight, Explain, Apply, Respond) method as they study God's word and follow a weekly memory plan.

Prayer will be what undergirds each group as they press into the Spirit's power. The groups will open each session in prayer and spend time together in meaningful prayer. Together, the group will learn how to pray. Each D-Group member is encouraged to use a prayer journal, which may simply be your Journal Bible or a separate notebook/journal/app.

As your D-Group is exposed to the Bible, sin inevitably rises to the surface as members see the ways in which they aren't like Christ Jesus. Together, the D-Group will apply the truths from the Bible to their lives, walking in submission to one another. Accountability will facilitate spiritual and life transformation. The group will grow confidently in trust with other members and open themselves to greater accountability. D-Group members offer accountability to one another by fostering intimacy, creating expectation and being assured of confidentiality.

Jesus appointed the twelve disciples so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach. We are participating in D-Group for the same purpose. As a member of D-Group you will be challenged and expected to multiply. Following the 26 weeks, members will begin to do with others what they have experienced.



Expectations of D-Groups

Accountability is a major component in D-Groups. Members, in an effort to grow in Christ-likeness, submit themselves to be accountable to other group members as they pursue Christ together. This is begun by signing a covenant with the other members as each D-Group begins. Below are 6 expectations for someone considering a D-Group:

- Be fully committed to the Lord with the anticipation that we are entering into a season of accelerated spiritual transformation.
- Be faithfully present for each group meeting unless providentially hindered.
- Diligently read and journal through God's Word, coming ready to share weekly what God is teaching us in these times.
- Submit to each other weekly in the spirit of accountability.
- Pray for one another as we learn from the Master and live on mission together.
- Remain continually aware that we are learning in order to lead and, by God's grace, commit to replicate this group with others upon the conclusion of this group.

D-Group is not for everyone. However, if God has sparked a desire in you to grow in Christ-likeness and to continue being renewed by him through his word and through prayer, then making the commitment to a D-Group may be where the Spirit is leading you. If you are looking to be a part of one of our D-Groups, email hunter@mbchurch.com



MEMORY VERSES • SPRING 2020

VERSE 1

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. (James 1:2-3)

VERSE 2

And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. (James 1:4)

VERSE 3

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. (James 1:5)

VERSE 4

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. (James 1:6)

VERSE 5

For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. (James 1:7-8)

VERSE 6

Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. (James 1:9-10)

VERSE 7

For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. (James 1:11)

VERSE 8

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. (James 1:12)

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MEMORY VERSES • FALL 2020

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Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. (James 1:13)

VERSE 2

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. (James 1:14-15)

VERSE 3

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:16-17)

VERSE 4

Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. (James 1:18)

VERSE 5

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. (James 1:19-20)

VERSE 6

Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. (James 1:21-22)

VERSE 7

For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. (James 1:23-24)

VERSE 8

But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. (James 1:25)

VERSE 9

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. (James 1:26)

VERSE 10

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep one-self unstained from the world. (James 1:27 ESV)

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My Soul Waits for God Alone TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO JEDUTHUN. PSALM 63:1 For God alone my soul waits in silence; 1/19/18 from him comes my salvation. PHe alone is my rock and my salvation, God I am waiting on you my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken Bring renewal to my hea As faith deepens I How long will all of you attack a man shall not be greatly Shaken becomes sim like a leaning wall, a tottering fence? Ishall not best They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. Lord, I trust you Help me lead our LG They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. Avoid double-speak It is copy for yours For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, Selah for my hope is from him. Sometime yours 6 /He only is my rock and my salvation, needs to be spoker my fortress; I shall not be shaken. truth you know inword On God rests my salvation and my glory; Guide your feeling Paith my mighty rock, my refuge is God. God you are my: makethe you are my glan move. 8 / Trust in him at all times, O people; are my rack +1 pour out your heart before him; + you shall not b God is a refuge for us. owtward Selah Trust in him proclamation times, Opeopl 9 Those of low estate are but a breath O God, we are but your heart bthose of high estate are a delusion: a breath. You are Godis a rel in the balances they go up; eternal. Grab hold they are together lighter than a breath. - my focus. Lord, I done Put no trust in extortion; No matter where your gospel set no vain hopes on robbery: financially if riches increase, set not your heart on them. go + evang SET not your Show me on riches Once God has spoken; raire me twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. and 12 reaping + For you will render to a man according to his work. My Soul Thirsts for You A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN HE WAS IN THE WILDERNESS OF JUDAH. O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you: as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. +wear 0000



SCRIPTURE READINGS

H.E.A.R.: You and your group will follow the HEAR Bible study method. This simple acronym serves as a guide for journaling through what you're reading in God's Word. Each week, D-Groups gather to discuss the highlights of what they've read, taking time to explain, apply, and respond to the truth of the Scriptures to your lives.

Highlight: This would be the verse(s) from the passage that jumps out to you the most. So, if you are reading John 3 then maybe this would be John 3:16.

Explain: In the explain section you would take the verse or maybe a different portion of the text and seek to explain in more of your own words, or to provide some insight into the text. This would be where you use some basic skills of interpretation.

Apply: Take a few minutes to think and pray about how God would apply this verse or passage to your life. Be looking for ways to immediately apply and not just looking at doing something in the future. You want God's Word to change your life and this is a great place to start.

Response: This would be a prayer of response to God regarding the verse and passage that was read. And asking God for the strength in implementing the application of the text.

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