

C3 HOMEWORK – LEADERS GUIDE

“Edifying the body by embracing the grace of the Spirit to live out the love of the Son in fellowship that glorifies the Father”



GET-TO-KNOW-YOU QUESTIONS

What was the most exciting thing you did during the summer?

What is the most exciting thing you've done in the past 5 years? 10 years?

Would you say you are an introvert or extrovert?

What convinced you to join a C3 group?

WARM UP

Have you ever been a part of a small group or home fellowship group before? What was the best part for you?

(If you're group has been together for a while, dig into what the best part of a being in a group is and how you can improve or deepen those areas)

What phrase best describes Molokai Baptist Church? Why?

- a) Loving
- b) Peaceful
- c) Shallow
- d) Generous
- e) Committed

DIGGING DEEPER

As you reflect Foundational Relationships of a Flourish Flock, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?

(This is an open-ended question that allows leaders to really go wherever they want with what was said in the message. If something really stuck out to you, use this question to discuss it. If people are talking, you can spend a lot of time on this question)

We talked about five different kinds of sheep in 1 Thes 5:14-15, the wayward, the worried, the weak, the wearisome, and the wicked), and how we are supposed to respond to them in order to be a flourishing flock. (Try to use these questions to get to know your group and where they fit better. Don't just talk generally about struggling sheep. Try to get your group to open up on their own weaknesses)

a) Which kind of sheep would you most often identify with? Why?

(This is designed to be a lower threat way of starting to get to know your groups struggles)

- Have you always struggled in this area?

b) Which kind of troubled sheep do you find the most difficult or challenging to love?

(Based on the answers to question a) you can use this question to get group members to interact with each other. If one person tends to struggle in an area and another has a hard time loving in that area, get them to interact on how to support and love more effectively)

- As someone who struggles in this area, what advice would you give to a person who finds it difficult to love this kind of sheep?

c) Why is the ability to identify different kinds of troubled sheep important? How can you improve?

(This is the core of C3. Know where each other struggle and how to support one another productively. We must know each other in order to know how to respond to one another lovingly and in a way that brings people back to joyful fellowship with God. We can improve by knowing God's Word and responding in ways that are Biblical)

Joy in God is the most foundational relationship we can have, but, this side of heaven, we must fight to keep that joy and treasure God as supreme. Read the following Psalms. What observations can you make about how the Psalmists fought for their joy through prayer:

Psalm 51:12 (restore my joy in you as the generous Giver)

Psalm 86:4 (I surrender my soul to you. Make my soul rejoice)

Psalm 5:11 (let those who love you and put their faith in you be filled with joy)

Psalm 119:18 (Let me see the awesome thing in your Word that reveal you)

Psalm 119:36 (Incline or turn my heart to be towards your faithfulness)

Psalm 90:14 (Let us be satisfied in your faithful love so we can be happy all the time)

Reflecting on your personal walk with God, when are the times that you struggle the most to find joy in God? What steals your delight in God? How do you (or can you) fight for your joy in God in your own life?

(This is a higher risk question, but this helps bring home the truth of the message. This allows you to help facilitate application of truth in your group. Be careful who you direct this question to though)