

4Ws Breaking Up Is Hard To Do | Acts 15:36-40

WORSHIP

Consider reading **119:113-128** together, taking turns reading a verse a time, or reading responsively with the leader reading a verse and the group responding with the next verse.

Consider singing some of the songs on the sheets that were included in your packet if you have someone in the group that plays the guitar or can lead music and/or play the guitar.

WELCOME

Questions.

Is there a story that you can tell us about one of your ancestors, perhaps a grandparent or great-grandparent or even further back? Tell us where you heard the story and why it is so memorable to you.

WORD

(Remember that our time in the Word is intended to remind people what they learned during the message and help them find ways to apply those truths to their lives. Hand out the copies of the questions and then lead them in a discussion. Make sure that everyone has a chance to be involved in the discussion without letting anyone dominate the discussion time.)

Discussion Questions.

1. We said in the message that today – in the Church Age – it's not all about the building anymore. What does this mean and how does that idea impact the way we do ministry in the 21st century?
2. We mentioned in the message that the GOAL of Paul's life was making sure that all people had a chance to hear the Good News, and that the GOAL of Barnabas' life was making sure that the people who believed the Good News were disciplined in the faith. What tension did this difference cause? What were the results of the tension caused by these two different goals? What does this mean for our church life today?
3. We said in the message that when only one person is in charge in a church the church will suffer from whatever imbalance that person is dealing with in his or her life. What does this mean and how can we avoid this happening at the Potter's House?

4. We mentioned in the message that both Paul and Barnabas were right. What were they right about and what difference does it make to our lives today?
5. We mentioned in the message that we don't want to see anybody's story lost. How does a story get 'lost' and how can we help to prevent our personal story from being lost?

WORK

We talked this week about one of the key differences between Israel and the church. God never told Israel to go out and evangelize. If someone wanted to be close to God back then, they would have to come to Israel and go to the Temple where they would find God. In our day and age it doesn't work like that. We HAVE been told to go and share Christ. We have been commissioned by Jesus himself to go and make disciples of all nations. Let's encourage folks to get out of the pew and get the Word out to those who need to hear. Let's encourage them to share the Good News about Jesus everywhere they go,

Those of us who lead should remember that there is no better way to motivate others to share the gospel than to set an example for them. Speak to others about Jesus when you have the opportunity and set an example of lifestyle evangelism for the members of your group. They will be much more likely to follow your example than they will be to simply do what you tell them to do. Ask the group to discuss this and then ask them to think through the list of people you have been praying for each week. Discuss how we can be more aggressively involved in sharing the good news with these folks for whom God has burdened us. We will pray for these people tonight and each night we're together until they come to DGroup, or come to Christ through some other means. Have each couple/individual share the name of one couple/person to pray for and then ask one of the other people in the group to pray for them.

Close your time together in prayer.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Singapore Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Core, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Singapore Facilities

- CCF Singapore Center
- Equipments

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends