

NORTH STAR | LEADER'S GUIDE | WEEK 6

OUTLINE OF EACH NORTH STAR GROUP MEETING

- Start each group on time
- 10 minutes: each person has 2 minutes to share how their past week went, including a report on their weekly practice (in Week 1, we will not discuss this)
- 40 minutes: discuss the content from that week
- 10 minutes: Close in prayer, praying over the specific concepts of the group

WEEK 6 – BIG IDEAS

In Week 6, we will learn about God's expectations for our journey with Jesus: to bear fruit by abiding in Christ.

- Day 1 (The Fourth Soil): God wants us to bear fruit, which means that we abide in Jesus. Bearing fruit means that we will be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did.
- Day 2 (Be With Jesus): Being with Jesus means learning to treasure and cultivate his presence in our daily lives.
- Day 3 (Become Like Jesus): Becoming like Jesus is inward transformation to bear the fruit of the Spirit. The end goal is that our character would be exactly like Jesus's character.
- Day 4 (Do What Jesus Did): Doing what Jesus did is learning to live a life of love and ministry, just like Jesus.
- Day 5: (My Letter To You): A closing encouragement to never quit and never walk alone on the journey.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **How are you doing sharing your faith with the one or two friends that you chose to tell about Jesus?**
2. **How was your time fasting this week?**
3. On Day 1 of this week, we learned to bear fruit by abiding in Jesus. **What are some ways you have grown in "abiding in Jesus" during the past 6 weeks?**

4. The first way that we bear fruit is by “being with Jesus”. **How can you increase your moment by moment awareness of Jesus?**
5. **Have you ever seen someone’s life radically transformed by Jesus?** Tell that story.
6. **What are some ways that becoming like Jesus would be unpopular to those who don’t believe in Jesus?**
 - *The way that our culture views being a “good person” is different than who Jesus was. The world’s view of tolerance, judgement, justice, and love are entirely different than that of the scripture.*
7. **What are some ways that becoming like Jesus would be viewed as unpopular within the church world?**
 - *There are certain activities that could be popular within the church that are still ungodly. Perhaps an idolatry of serving or marriage, a certain “accepted” sin within the church, or confronting people in love.*
8. Read John 14:12-14. **How do you feel about the promise that Jesus said that his followers would do “greater things” than he did?**
9. We learned four steps toward doing what Jesus did: Be empowered by the Holy Spirit, keep asking, seeking, and knocking, believe big and start small, and be interruptible.
 - **Which of these four things do you believe God wants you to grow in?**
 - **What is a small way that you can start doing the things that Jesus did?**
 - **How can you become more interruptible?**
10. Close by encouraging each of your disciples in one of the gifts that you see in them.