

Group Discussion:

CONNECT RELATIONALLY (roughly 25% of your meeting time)

- Share Highs & Lows from the week / Share prayer needs & practice prayer together / Split into sub-groups (e.g. men / women) to share
- (Ice breaker question) *Have you ever judged a book by its cover wrongly with someone? Tell the story if willing.*

GROW SPIRITUALLY (roughly 50% of your meeting time)

- *As a group read 1 Samuel 16:1-13*
- *How do you typically respond to the Lord when He asks you to do something hard?*
- *Is there anything in your life right now that the Lord is asking you to do that is hard, and how can we pray for you?*
- *How does Samuel's response in vs 4 give us an example to follow?*
- *How does the truth that The Lord values inward character over outward appearance both encourage you and challenge you?*
- *Read Proverbs 4:23. How are you intentionally living this vs out?*
- *How does the truth that The Lord transforms the ordinary for His extraordinary purposes, encourage you and cause you to see people different than the world sees people?*

LIVE MISSIONALLY (roughly 25% of your meeting time)

- Scriptural reminder of God's missional heart – Matthew 28:18-20
- Ask for any stories of BLESS steps that have happened recently. Celebrate anything shared.
- Ask people to update their FRANCES list of people that may be far from God. Who has God brought back up on your minds & hearts recently? Where do you see new potential opportunities?
- Ask people to consider and commit to 1-3 practical BLESS steps that they might accomplish in the upcoming season (week / month). What do you plan to do? How / when will you ensure it happens?
- Pray over specific names or steps that were shared.