

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) *What's a time in your life where you've been blown away by the grandeur or impressiveness of the beauty – or scale – of something?*

GROW SPIRITUALLY (roughly 50% of your meeting time)

- *Have someone in your group read Colossians 1:15-23 slowly and clearly.*
- *Why do we typically not associate Jesus with the work of creation? How do we typically think about creation and God? How does it impact things to understand Jesus as present and involved?*
- *Review Colossians 1:16. How do the specific phrases “by him,” “through him, and “for him” contribute to our understanding of Jesus and creation?*
- *What do you think it means that the fullness of God was pleased to dwell in Jesus?*
- *What things, people, or forces compete with Jesus for supremacy? What prevents Jesus from looking truly supreme and preeminent in your life?*
- *Review Colossians 1:22-23. What does it look like right now in your life to pursue being holy & blameless & above reproach, remaining and not shifting from the hope of the gospel?*
- *Pray together in response to this incredible passage – try to include the 4 components of the ACTS model: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication – all in reference to the verses.*

LIVE MISSIONALLY (roughly 25% of your meeting time)

- Scriptural reminder of God's missional heart – Romans 1:18-20
- 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.