

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 an example in your life (house?) of something that's gone rotten or corrupted?*

GROW SPIRITUALLY (roughly 50% of your meeting time)

- *As a group read Colossians 2:16-23*
- *Review the three forms of root rot (legalism, mysticism, asceticism). Which "fungus" is currently threatening—or has threatened-- your root system? What is your "treatment" plan? Consider Galatians 5:13-25.*
- *When can our personal convictions on matters of liberty (like whether to have a drink, how I vote, how I educate my kids, etc.) cross over into legalism?*
- *Review Colossians 2:6-15. How does this rich revelation about Jesus combat each form of root rot? Try to assign verses from this passage to each root rot fungus.*
- *Sometimes we may think we need to pay some kind of "penance" to make up for sins we have committed. This may take the form of religious rituals, hurting oneself, rigorous discipline, or extreme self-denial. How do vv. 20-23 correct this thinking?*
- *Read Matthew 23:4 and Matthew 11:28-30. How does Jesus both describe legalism and deliver from legalism?*
- *Pray together as a group for protection and care of your roots.*

LIVE MISSIONALLY (roughly 25% of your meeting time)

- Scriptural reminder of God's missional heart – Romans 11:28-32
- 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.