



A Simple Way To Connect and Grow



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- Think about one or two other people you'd like to share the journey with you, and ask them to join you. One thing: because of what will probably be discussed, you shouldn't make it co-ed.
- Meet once a week for approximately an hour in a convenient location (a house, coffee shop, restaurant).
- Decide on a portion of the Bible you'll all read together between gatherings. Approximately 15-20 chapters each week, or an entire book of the Bible a week. Agree that this is a high priority and that you'll all make time to do this. Remember, there are no study guides or workbooks ... the Bible only, and God speaking through His Word, will guide you.
- When you meet, begin ASAP with the eleven character conversation questions on the reverse of this card.
- After each person responds to these questions, pray specifically and strategically for people you know who don't know Jesus. Share only enough to update how things are going in your relationship with them. Don't let it take the place of praying for them!
- If a fourth person joins you—or wants to join you— consider this the beginning of a new group. Get them a copy of this card, talk briefly about the details (two one-on-ones, or inviting a couple of other people making it two new three-on-threes, etc.), and start the next week.



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Character Conversation Questions Every time you get together, begin by responding to these questions. Each person in the group takes a turn answering each question honestly.

1. Have you been a testimony this week to the greatness of Jesus Christ, with both your words and your actions?
2. Have you been exposed to sexually alluring material or allowed your mind to entertain inappropriate sexual thoughts about another person this week?
3. Have you lacked integrity in your financial dealings or coveted something that isn't yours?
4. Have you been honoring, understanding and generous in your important relationships this week?
5. Have you damaged another person by your words, either behind their back or face-to-face?
6. Have you given in to an addictive behavior this week? Explain.
7. Have you continued to remain angry toward another person?
8. Have you secretly wished for another person's misfortune?
9. Question you most need to be asked to remain accountable (For example — Have you kept to your diet this week? Have you worked out three times this week?)
10. Did you finish the Bible reading and hear from God? What are you going to do about it?
11. Have you been completely honest with us in answering these questions?

Specific Prayer Who are a couple of people in your life that don't know Jesus yet? How do you need to be praying specifically and strategically for them?

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