

GROWTH GROUP

Study Guide

First Night – “Getting to Know You”

Answer one question from each of the following 3 sections.

Surface:

1. How many different organizations have you worked for in your lifetime? Which one was the most unique?
2. Are you a “Morning Person” or a “Night Owl”? What are the perks and drawbacks of this schedule for you?
3. What would a “typical” vacation look like for you (camping, cruising, air travel, hotels, etc.)? Where would your ideal vacation be?

A Little Deeper:

1. Which of the apostles do you most identify with and why? (Andrew – open-minded; Bartholomew – composed; James – fanatical; James the son of Alphaeus – quiet; John – passionate; Judas – traitor; Jude – intense; Matthew – humble; Peter – impulsive; Philip – inquisitive; Simon the Zealot – strong-willed; Thomas – pessimistic)
2. What is a comfort item you had as a child or something you loved about your bedroom that comforted you?

3. In the Bible, God give some figures “new names.” What would you want your new name to be and why? (These can be characteristics, something funny or even just a favorite name with a good association)

Deeper Still:

1. When was a time when someone showed you deep compassion/love like Jesus?
2. What is a hard-learned lesson from your life?
3. Think about your best spiritual friend. What do they do to encourage you?

SERMON NOTES

James 4:13-17 – Planning for Uncertain Times

Taking the Next Step

Make time this week to pray for each of the people in your group by name. Ask the Lord to encourage them, giving them peace, and a clear sense of His loving presence in their lives.

Praises / Prayer Requests

