

242 Study Guide Two Gather Week 2 Where Everyone Knows Your Name

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

1. What's one of the most welcoming places you've ever visited? What about this place and its people were so welcoming to you?

Read Matthew 18:20, Ecclesiastes 4:8-12, and Romans 12:4-5. These verses explain the importance of having strong relationships with others.

- 2. If you tried to explain life in one word, would you pick the word relationships? Why or why not?
- 3. If the quality of your life is measured by the strength of your relationships, how does yours measure up?
- 4. Share about the loneliest time of your life. How alone do you feel now?

5. What excuse kept you from getting into a group? How has your group helped you get rid of those excuses?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:11, 2 Corinthians 4:2, James 5:16, Proverbs 27:6, Ephesians 4:16, and Proverbs 18:24. These verses describe the four aspects of a person's life.

- 6. In what ways do you and your group need to address the four aspects of a person's life? (Arena, Mask, Blind Spots, Potential)
- 7. What's your next step to redefine your relationships?
- 8. What role do you need God to play in helping you strengthen your closest relationships?
- 9. What are you not doing that you should be doing because you let your busy schedule dictate your life?