

1 Vision Area

1 Ministry

The Big Picture

My hope is that “today” is a day that your group is engaged in some sort of ministry—equipping and building up to maturity others.

Preparing for the Lesson

As I mentioned last week, this week is the second half of a two-part lesson. I hope that last week you were able to spend some time in discussion about what it means to be involved in ministry. From that discussion, I also hope that you—as a group—were able to identify a way you can be involved in ministry. I am reluctant to even give examples as to what that might look like in order for your group to wrestle with last week’s text and determine the best ministry strategy for the group as a whole.

I recognize that some ministry opportunities may not fit easily in a Sunday evening time slot (our usual group meeting time). If your group is going to be involved in ministry that happens at a different time, please feel free to do so and either not meet as a group on Sunday evening OR spend Sunday evening in celebration, discussing your thoughts about your time together. If your group is going to be involved in ministry at a later time—or an ongoing ministry opportunity—you may still want to spend your regular meeting time this week preparing and praying for your time of ministry.

The main point is that you be active in some sort of ministry. If you are doing that, I think you are on target!

By the way, I will ask about this on our Communication Email, but please let me know what you are doing and how it goes. Not to keep track or make sure you are doing the right thing, but because I love to hear the stories of your involvement in the lives of other people. These are the kinds of things we need to praise God for and I would love to add them to the stories of praise I lift before the Father.

Possible Lesson Outline

Do the plan.

What’s Next

Next week, we will begin a look at our relationships with our neighbors and will look specifically at Luke 10.25-37.