

Become

GROUPS

If you belong to Jesus, then you are His disciple. A disciple makes it her goal to become like her teacher. Jesus says if we truly want to **become** like Him, we must deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Him. Is this your desire? In order for your desire to turn into discipline and life-change, you need accountability. As women, it is so tempting to compare ourselves and our journey to others. This will only isolate us and keep us from growing. That is why Become Groups are important.

In a Become Group, you will read God's Word and increase in your **hunger** for Him. You will agree with Jesus about your sin, and respond to this sin with **brokenness**. You will align your heart with Jesus' heart and develop a **burden** for people who are far from Him. Becoming is not a program, but a lifelong process to daily allow the Holy Spirit to have His way in us. Knowing we will fail often in this process, we must remind each other that it is Jesus who does the cleaning up and we who do the surrendering.

And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Ephesians 2:22

How

Become groups are for people who have a desire to become. Look for people who are hungry and committed to the process. A great place to start looking is your LifeGroup. Become groups multiply. 2-4 is the best size for a group so that every woman can be heard. So, when more are added, become two groups. Become groups are simple. There is no leader - all women contribute the same amount. You will meet regularly with these 3 goals:

- 1. Hungry for truth:** Read the Bible during the week. Decide together to use a Bible reading plan, rotate who chooses a book of the Bible, or read the book being preached on Sundays. Each woman should memorize one verse that impacted them and share it each week with the group.
- 2. Broken over my sin:** Sin stems from unbelief in who God is and what he has done. Confess this sin & unbelief to each other. Use the guide on the back. Remind each other of & celebrate the grace of the gospel. Your Become Group must be an environment of honesty, confidentiality & grace.
- 3. Burdened for others:** Pray for 1-2 friends each who don't love Jesus, both together and each time you read Scripture. Use the guide on the back. Talk about how you will include these people in your life and mission.

Broken for Sin

Underlying all our sinful behavior is a failure to believe the truth about God and what he has done for us in the gospel. When we believe a lie about God (head), we love and worship something other than God (heart), which leads us to disobey God (hands). Rehearsing, embracing, and delighting in the truth about God, then, is how we daily fight the good fight of the faith.

- **God is great** - so we don't need to be in control.
- **God is glorious** - so we don't need to fear others.
- **God is good** - so we don't need to be satisfied elsewhere.
- **God is gracious** - so we don't need to prove ourselves.

1. How has control, anxiety, anger, or pride shown up in you this week?
2. How does it reveal what you have loved more than God?
3. How has this led you to disobey God?
4. What lie about God is behind this sin?
5. Which of these 4 truths do you most need to embrace? How can it free you from your sin?
6. How does this week's scripture bring this truth to bear on your life? What are you going to do about it?

Burden for Others

Write down the names of friends who don't love Jesus, then pray for them.

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1. Father, I pray that you draw * to yourself and that * would seek you.
2. God, prevent Satan from blinding * to the truth of who you are so that * hears and believes the gospel for what it really is.
3. Holy Spirit, I ask you to convict * of her sin and need for Christ's redemption.
4. I ask that you give me the opportunity, the courage, and the words to share the truth with *.
5. I pray that * turns from her sin, confesses Jesus as King, takes root and grows in faith, and bears much fruit to Your glory.