



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week 6

February 4th & 5th, 2012

Ice Breaker:

What is your favorite time of year and why? When you are in a crowd setting would you rather wait for someone to come up and talk or do you jump into any conversation?

Opening Prayer:

Father God, help us to recognize you in the middle of every opportunity to serve others.

For Discussion:

We want to take a look at how we as a growth group are doing with what we have heard over the past weeks. Give examples in each area of changes.

We discussed in weeks 1 and 2:

At EastLake Church, we work hard to make opportunities for people to connect. However sometimes our own hurts, fears or negative attitudes can get in the way of us building life-giving relationships. One of the first steps toward building positive relationships is to understand our relationship with God and his family.

Read Ephesians 2:11-22

This passage teaches us that God has done the work needed to reconcile our relationship with him and to invite us into his family. Knowing that we are beloved members of his family helps us to extend love to others.

- What kinds of things can hold you back from building great relationships?
- What kinds of things can bring problems and divisions into relationships?

We discussed in week 3:

Three levels of connecting to a local church:

1. I come to church because I get something out of it.
2. I'm willing to participate when it is convenient.
3. I'm committed to the mission of Christ and will participate in it.

At what level are you currently participating?

Are you ready to fully participate?

What next right step does that mean for you?

We discussed in weeks 4 & 5:

Obedience honors God and inspires people.

Read John 2:1-11

This miracle was not accomplished without the participation of the servants. They filled the jars with water and took a step of faith to draw water and serve it to the wedding hosts. Only then did the miracle occur.

- Is there a step of obedience God has been calling you toward, but you have been hesitating to fulfill?
- What is holding you back?

Closing Prayer:

Jesus, we want to follow your example and become more like you. Every time we follow you by serving we grow closer to you and more into the original you designed.