

THE DISCIPLES CROSS SESSION 3A *PRAY IN FAITH*

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

John 15:7

“If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.”

Remember that allowing members to share freely is far more important than sticking legalistically to a plan you develop for the group session. Group members sometimes arrive at a session eager to tell about something that happened in their lives during the week related to that week’s content. Be sensitive to this need, and be flexible. Allow God to work in your group. Provide opportunities for everyone to respond during the session.

1. Invite a volunteer to tell which of their Prayer-Covenant List requests they have seen answered.
2. Call for volunteers to tell which of their Prayer Covenant List requests they have seen answered.
3. Ask members why they believe thanksgiving and praising God occur first in prayer. Invite volunteers by name to share the benefits they have experienced from coming before the Father with praise and thanksgiving first.
4. Ask, Which name of God explained in day 3 has been most helpful to you in learning to praise Him? Allow several members to respond.
5. Ask, How do we distinguish between praising God and thanking Him?
6. As you close the session ask members to describe their experience this past week in showing God’s love to a person who is not a Christian. Ask group members to voice prayers for concerns others have mentioned regarding these non-Christian friends.

PREVIEW FOR NEXT SESSION:

Remind members they are to work on days 4-5 of session 3. Remind them to check off only those assignments that pertain to the material they have studied that week.

Continue to work on Scripture memorization: John 15:7