



AN INVITATION TO SEEING JESUS WITH ONE ANOTHER

1. **SEEING JESUS WITH ONE ANOTHER** is the 2nd of 3 Sections in **SEEING JESUS TOGETHER**.

SEEING JESUS TOGETHER has been designed to build in you and your Gospel Community a greater capacity to “See Jesus” in three distinct yet interconnected Discipleship Environments.

This tool can increase your capacity to See Jesus in private (**SOLITUDE**)

...with a few other Christians (**ONE ANOTHER**)

...and at the Weekly Gathering of your Church Family (**GATHERING**).

2. The **GOAL** of this Workshop is for participants, in the coming months, to experience more of the **Peace of Jesus**, because they
 - 1) have a clear Understanding of a Mature Christian’s Experience of Biblical Community,
 - 2) have an accurate Assessment of their Current Community,
 - and 3) are better Equipped to Prioritize and Engage Gospel Community.
3. This version of the Workshop Handout only includes Scripture References and is designed for use with a Google Slide Deck which contains the Scripture Passages.
4. Leaders can email info@SeeingJesusTogether.com to learn how they can access other versions of this Handout, the Leader Notes for this Workshop, and the Google Slide Deck for this Workshop.



UNDERSTANDING A MATURE CHRISTIAN'S EXPERIENCE OF BIBLICAL COMMUNITY

BECAUSE A MATURE CHRISTIAN BELIEVES THAT IMAGE BEARING HUMAN BEINGS ARE VITALLY IMPACTED BY THEIR CURRENT COMMUNITY, THEY PRIORITIZE AND PRACTICE THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE POSITIVE ONE ANOTHER INSTRUCTIONS IN THE BIBLE.

I. "...HUMAN BEINGS ARE VITALLY IMPACTED BY THEIR CURRENT COMMUNITY..."

- A. We almost always become like the people we live life with. (Proverbs 13:20)
- B. Current Community is almost always more powerful than Past Community. (1 Corinthians 15:33)
- C. If we Isolate ourselves, we almost always live with a Fool. (Proverbs 18:1)

II. "...IMAGE BEARING..."

- A. Adam and Eve were created BY an Inter-Dependent Community. (Genesis 1:26)
- B. Adam and Eve were created AS an Inter-Dependent Community. (Genesis 2:18)

III. "...THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE POSITIVE ONE ANOTHER INSTRUCTIONS..."

- A. Mature Christians Give and Receive **PRESENCE**.
(1 Peter 4:9, Romans 15:7, Romans 16:16/1 Cor 16:20/1 Peter 5:14, John 13:14)
- B. Mature Christians Give and Receive **PASSION** (Emotions).
 - 1. **Gladness & Sadness** (Romans 12:15,16)
 - 2. **"Care for" or "Concern"** (1 Corinthians 12:24-26 Philippians 2:19-21)
 - 3. **Mature Christians are not Stoic with nor Slave to but are Sacrificial in their Passions.**
- C. Mature Christians Give and Receive **PENITENCE** (Confession of Sin).
- D. Mature Christians Give and Receive **PRAYER**.
 - 1. **PENITENCE**...Disciples are "sinners" in their Inter-Dependence. (James 5:16)
 - 2. **PRAYER**... Disciples are "righteous" in their Inter-Dependence. (James 5:16)
- E. Mature Christians Give and Receive **PROCLAMATION** (Gospel Preaching).
 - 1. Speech, as Image Bearers, is the most powerful resource we steward in Each Other's Lives.
 - a. God creates and sustains all that is through speech. (Genesis 1:3-26 / Hebrews 1:3)
 - b. Our ability to communicate is part of how we are "like" Him. (Genesis 1:26)
 - c. Our Speech is "vital." (Proverbs 18:21, 15:4, 12:18, 16:24 / James 3:1-5)
 - 2. The Biblical Call for ALL Christians to Verbally Communicate the Gospel to One Another.



- a. Colossians 3:16
 - i. The “Word of Christ” is the Message of the Messiah, the Gospel.
 - ii. The Gospel dwells richly in us when we Teach and Admonish One Another.
 - iii. Compare and Contrast “Teaching” and “Admonishing.”
 - iv. **What is at stake? What do we have the power to do for One Another?**

- b. Ephesians 4:25, 29
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 - ii. Speech that “builds up” gives the Grace of The Gospel in a way that is Needed.
 - iii. Speech that “corrupts” is a Legalistic or Condemning message.

- c. Hebrews 3:12-14
 - i. An Evil Heart is further described as an Unbelieving Heart, and Unbelief is what leads someone to fall away from God. (v12)
 - ii. A Person’s heart can be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin in a day. (v13)
 - iii. Those who will share in Christ in the end are those who hold onto the original confidence they had in Christ when they were converted. (v14)
 - iv. In order to stay full of faith, close to God, soft to the Gospel and Confident in Christ, Christians are called to EXHORT One Another daily. (v13)
 - v. **What is at stake? What do we have the power to do for One Another?**

- d. 1 Thessalonians 4:18 / 5:11
 - i. To continually and increasingly believe the Truths of the Gospel
...Hearing the Bible is not enough.
 - ii. ...Having the Bible is not enough.
 - iii. ...Knowing the Bible is not enough.
 - iv. ...Hearing the Gospel from One Another in the Past is not enough.
 - v. **What is at stake? What do we have the power to do for One Another?**

IV. “...PRIORITIZE AND PRACTICE...”

- A. Think through the Difference between Prioritize and Practice.
- B. To Prioritize something new entails removing or reducing something we currently Practice.
- C. In making room for “One Another-ing” be careful to not remove other relationships and environments in the Biblical Ecosystem that God uses to save and sanctify His people.
- D. The call to “Practice” assumes that we will need to get better over time.



ASSESSING YOUR CURRENT COMMUNITY

Use this survey to assess **Understanding**, **Prioritization**, and **Engagement**.

But first, remember that Christians are JUSTIFIED and have Jesus' "One Another Record." *We can be honest.*

Also remember that Christians are being SANCTIFIED into the likeness of Jesus. *We can be hopeful.*

I. ASSESS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF BIBLICAL COMMUNITY.

- A. Prior to this Workshop, how well did you understand our Vital Impact on "One Another"?
___ "not well" ___ "somewhat" ___ "pretty well"
- B. Prior to this Workshop, how well did you understand the Bible's "One Another Instructions"?
___ "not well" ___ "somewhat" ___ "pretty well"
- C. What are some Biblical Truths that you understood for the first time or much better today?

- D. Which of the following did you understand to be a blessing God gives through "One Another"?
___ Faithful Heart ___ Transformation ___ Staying close to the Living God
___ Healing ___ Perseverance of Faith ___ Being built up in the Gospel
___ Compassion ___ Cleansing from Sin ___ Holding Fast to Confidence in Christ
___ "Concern" ___ Hope of Eternal Life ___ Desire and Energy for Good Works
- E. Which of these blessings do you feel an acute need for in this season?

II. ASSESS YOUR PRIORITIZATION OF GOSPEL COMMUNITY.

- A. Does your calendar prove that you value "One Another" Relationships? yes / no
- B. Does your choice in a church show your belief that "One Another" Relationships are critical? yes / no
- C. What good things have you removed from (or significantly reduced) in your calendar to make time for "One Another" Relationships? _____
- D. How much money do you budget to live life in Gospel Community? _____

III. ASSESS YOUR EXPERIENCE OF YOUR CURRENT COMMUNITY.

- A. Reflect upon your current community, the people you "walk with" and are in "companionship with" (friends, co-workers, family, social media relationships, podcasters, politicians, teachers, etc.).
1. Is your current community, in general, making you More Wise or More Foolish? (circle one)
 2. Who in your community is speaking to you from a Gospel Paradigm? _____
 3. Who in your community is speaking to you from a Worldly Paradigm? _____
- B. Which statement best captures your experience of "Inter-Dependence" in your Gospel Community?
1. ___ "In general, we are giving and receiving the various proactive One Another Instructions."
 2. ___ "When it comes to proactive One Another Instructions, I tend to give more than I receive."
 3. ___ "When it comes to proactive One Another Instructions, I tend to receive more than I give."
 4. ___ "In general, I am giving and receiving very few of the proactive One Another Instructions."
- C. What Same Gender Siblings (SGSs) walk alongside and encourage you in the Gospel? _____
- D. What SGSs' circumstances impact your emotions as much as your own? _____
- E. Which SGSs do you confess sin to and pray for their sanctification as much as your own? _____



SEEING JESUS WITH ONE ANOTHER (Instructions)

Gather in a gender specific group of 3-5 disciples to See Jesus with One Another.

Choose a location that will support authenticity. Set aside 90 minutes. Bring your Bibles. Either choose a permanent facilitator or assign one in advance of each gathering. As you gather weekly, utilize one of the Journaling Guides in the next section to follow the steps below to See Jesus with One Another.

1. CONNECT with One Another. (15 minutes)

- Relax, Breathe and Ask the Holy Spirit, "What am I feeling and Why?"
- Reflect on the Spirit's promptings.
(Use an Emotions Wheel if helpful. See Appendix 1 for an example.)
- Answer "What?" & "Why?" to briefly share what is happening in your life.
- As others share, express Gratitude, Sympathy and Honor.

2. LISTEN to the Scriptures with One Another. (30 minutes)

- Surrender through Prayer (5 minutes)
 - Everyone is encouraged to Pray out loud.
 - Express to the Lord what you are feeling.
 - Submit to the Lord and His Living and Active Word.
 - Confess your dependence upon the Lord for understanding and faith.
 - Ask the Lord to plant Seeds in your heart that will later bear fruit.
- Listen to the Scriptures (10 minutes)
 - The facilitator will pick a passage from the Daily Reading Schedule.
 - Start with everyone slowly and silently reading the passage.
 - Then have everyone take turns slowly reading the passage out loud.
 - Capture notes in A.C.T.S. while reading, listening and silently reflecting.
 - Adoration - Praise the Father for His Attributes and Actions
 - Confession - Acknowledge your Sinfulness, Folly and Limitations
 - Thanksgiving - Thank Jesus for Past, Present and Future Salvation
 - Supplication - Ask the Spirit to transform you in particular ways
- Share from A.C.T.S. (10 minutes)
 - While avoiding a "Bible Study" and a debate, explain how you were led to A.C.T.S. from the passage.
 - Consider how the passage teaches you about the Gospel and/or creates a need for the Gospel.
 - Strive for a balance between Confession and Thanksgiving.
- Pray through A.C.T.S. (5 minutes)
 - The facilitator can provide simple transitions through A.C.T.S. "Let's pray Prayers of Adoration with One Another for a minute." etc.
 - Do not pray AT one another using multiple sentence prayers.
 - Pray WITH one another using one word to one sentence prayers.

3. LOVE One Another. (30 minutes)

You do not have to give equal time to all of the categories in this section. Unlike the other sections, this section is more "organic" than "organized".

Care for One Another.

How can we engage One Another's Emotions?

- Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.
- Be "concerned for" (or "anxious for") one another.
- Consider how to be faithful and wise in the circumstances of life.
- Pray for the Spirit's comfort, guidance and wisdom.

Repent to One Another.

How can we confess sin to and pray for One Another?

- Pray for healing and salvation as you confess sin to one another.
- Pray for cleansing as you live in the light with one another.
- Help one another hate sin by seeing how it hurts other people.
- Assure One Another, when you confess your sins to God, that God would not be God if he did not forgive a repentant sinner.

Encourage One Another.

How can we build One Another's Faith in Jesus' Saving Work?

- Where do we need to more fully believe
 - ...that Jesus *has saved* us from the Penalty of Sin?
 - ...that Jesus *is saving* us from the Power of Sin?
 - ...that Jesus *will save* us from the Presence of Sin?

Provoke One Another.

How can we stir One Another up to love and good deeds?

- Follow up on previous requests for Accountability on "Next Steps."
- Thank the Lord for his Saving Power when steps have been taken.
- When needed, seek deeper repentance and greater faith.

4. DISCERN "Next Steps" with One Another. (15 minutes)

- Relax, Breathe and Ask the Holy Spirit for "Next Steps" in your journey.
- Reflect on the Spirit's promptings while thinking Biblically.
- Share the Spirit's leading with one another.
- Invite accountability while "Repenting Forward."
- Ask the Spirit for the faith, courage and opportunity to take these steps.

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Date _____ Participants _____

1. CONNECT with One Another. (15 minutes)

2. LISTEN to the Scriptures with One Another. (30 minutes)

Passage _____

- A. Surrender through Prayer.
- B. Listen to the Scriptures.

Adoration	Confession
Thanksgiving	Supplication

- C. Share from A.C.T.S.
- D. Pray through A.C.T.S.

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