

LOVE GOD AND LOVE PEOPLE

Mt. 22:34-40; Jn 13:34-35; 1 Jn 4:10-11

- Have any of God's attributes or works ignited your heart lately with awe, gratitude, delight, or praise?
- What could you steward more faithfully or generously to express love back to God? (e.g., money, possession, abilities, work, time, family life, relationships, etc.)
- How are you doing lately to actively show love or respect to your most significant relationships? (e.g., spouse, family, church community, your boss, coworkers, friends, neighbors, etc.)
- What have you been doing to help people thrive in the church and world?
- What are you doing to demonstrate love for people who are under resourced, those with less status, or victims of injustice?

REVOLVE CIRCLES MEETING FLOW

20 min - Life Updates

40 min - Refection Questions

05 min - Practical challenge

10 min - Prayer



REVOLVE CIRCLES

Revolve Circles (RC's) are smaller groups designed to inspire one another to center our lives around the person of Jesus by developing **3 daily disciplines**: 1. The reading of the Word 2. Prayer and 3. Worship. Also, by engaging in **3 life practices**: 1. Serving 2. Giving and 3. Going (to make disciples). As they walk together for a season, members of RC's, also learn an easy way to help others revolve around the person of Jesus. In simpler words, *RC's grow disciples that grow disciples. RC's champion the axiom "simplify to multiply". They are simple enough for any believer to facilitate so that others learn to walk closer to Jesus and follow in His steps motivated by grace.*

When a RC meets, one person selects several of the questions and facilitates the sharing time when the group meets. Each person answers the questions transparently in an environment of grace and confidentiality as you meet regularly. RC's are intended to be high-challenge, relational, gender specific, and small in size (triads or quads).

Each participant will need to have a personal plan for Bible reading with reflection that is used between meetings. This will allow all to come to the group ready to share what they believe the Lord has already been teaching them. That's important to remember, since this group is not designed to be a Bible study to merely acquire more information. Rather, it is a group used to develop self-feeding disciples, where participants encourage each other to practice applying Scripture in daily obedience to Jesus, empowered by the Spirit and motivated by the gospel of grace.

The SOAP Journaling method is highly recommended to help RC members engage with Jesus daily as they read the Bible between meetings. SOAP provides a useful format for any follower of Christ to better apply Scripture, whether one is new to the faith or further along in their walk. It's also simple to pass on to others. For those looking for a Bible reading plan, consider Bible Reading Plan - OT & NT, other plans at esv.org, or <https://www.navigators.org/resource/bible->

reading-plans. Individual D-Group members do not need to sync their Bible reading but are free to use different Bible reading plans.

One will notice that the spiritual formation questions are clustered under the central commands of Jesus. This is to reinforce actual obedience to Christ by loyal disciples, rather than just passively acquiring more knowledge and calling it discipleship. The questions included here can be used as stated or modified for different cultural contexts. Pray and start Revolve Circle if you want to multiply disciples of Jesus who make disciples.

STEPS TO START A NEW REVOLVE CIRCLE

1. Invite a few others to become a RC after clarifying expectations.
2. Ensure group members have a, a Bible reading plan, and grasp SOAP Journaling.
3. Use the first meeting to bond relationally by sharing your personal stories.
4. Person starting the RC selects several questions & facilitates sharing times for a few meetings.
5. Allow other RC members to facilitate the sharing times so all get practice guiding a group.
6. Help multiply more RC's using optional approaches:
 - *Show & Send to Multiply* - model how to facilitate a RC then send a person out to start a new RC.
 - *Grow, Show, & Multiply*- keep inviting until it grows to 6 then multiply into two RC's

REVOLVE CIRCLE QUESTIONS

Below is a list of questions to select from and ask when your RC meets. You won't have time to ask all the questions so select three or four questions to ask when you meet. This allows everyone time to answer. Pick a question or two from each section that reinforces faithfulness to the commands of Jesus. We recommend always asking the first question about what each RC member has been learning from Jesus through their regular Bible reading because this reinforces one's daily walk with Jesus and the practice of being a "self-feeding" disciple.

REVOLVE AROUND THE GOSPEL AND FOLLOW JESUS DAILY

Mk 1:14-17; Jn 15:1-8; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Mt 28:18-20

- What do you believe Jesus has been highlighting to you from your regular Bible reading or study? What's been your response? Have you been consistent with your Bible reading plan lately?
- How's your daily heart connection with Jesus and prayer life been recently?
- How has the good news about God's grace to you through Jesus been encouraging your heart lately? Which truth is most encouraging?
- Has anyone or anything become a "heart idol" lately that's competing with Jesus for your affections? (e.g., status, work, money, possessions, a relationship, sex, image, man-pleasing, control, etc.). Do you need to repent, discuss, or seek further help with this?
- Have you tried to self-medicate recently to fill your emptiness, deal with anxiety, or numb your emotional pain? (e.g., too much...drink, food, shopping, drugs, etc.). Do you need to repent, discuss, or seek further help with this?

PRACTICE SHARING YOUR FAITH AND SERVING OTHERS

Mk 1:14-17; Jn 15:1-8; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Mt 28:18-20

- Fishing: How have you been connecting socially or serving others who don't believe in Jesus yet? Have you had any opportunities lately to learn their story? Tell your story? Share the gospel story? What are some possible next steps you can take to help others meet Jesus?
- Forming a Few: Are there others that God may be calling you to intentionally help grow as followers of Jesus? Who do you know that would benefit from being part of a D-Group? What are some possible next steps for you to help others grow in a D-Group?