

## Teach About Jesus Debrief Guide

### INSTRUCTIONS

These debrief guides have been provided to summarize the objectives, takeaways, and opportunities for discussion as you equip and develop your CSM. The guide is designed to provide options instead of a prescriptive step-by-step for each course. Each of the Reflection Questions are taken directly from the course, while the Discipleship Moments provide opportunities for practical ministry development based on the course content.

Here are some decisions you might make as you determine how to use it with a CSM:

- If discussing the whole course together in **one sitting**, select 2-3 Reflection Questions and one Discipleship Moment to work on together. You might ask the CSM which sections were most intriguing or most challenging and tailor your approach to their interests, or you might identify sections you think would be most helpful, depending on their current strengths and gaps in skills.
- If you want to spend **several sessions** discussing the course and working on it in-depth with your CSM, devote a separate session for each chapter of the course. Discuss the Reflection Questions first in your meeting, then work on one Discipleship Moment together each time. Your CSM should implement their work from the Discipleship Moment before your next 1:1 and discuss what happened.
- Use the Next Steps suggestions at the end of the guide to identify 1-2 appropriate applications with your CSM after you finish discussing the course.

**COURSE:** Teach About Jesus (1) 45 min Create welcoming communities of students and faculty who actively learn about Jesus and respond wholeheartedly to him.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Recognize a healthy small group culture where Christians and non-Christians can encounter Jesus and be transformed together
- Increase the health of your small groups by focusing on hospitality, behaviors that spark curiosity, and ministry structures that encourage transformation
- Address the common barriers to cultivating a healthy small group culture

# **PREREQUISITE:** Building Your Own Bible Study

Your supervisee should have a solid understanding of the following concepts from "Building Your Own Bible Study" before moving on to this course.

- Explain the process of an InterVarsity-style inductive Bible study
- How to study scripture inductively on your own or with others
- How to lead an Inductive style Bible study

### **COURSE TAKEAWAYS**

- A healthy small group culture actively cultivates:
  - o Hospitality that includes Christians and non-Christians
  - o Curiosity that makes space for questions
  - o Transformation that invites a response from members





### **DEBRIEF OPPORTUNITIES**

	Reflection Questions	Discipleship Moments
Chapter 2: Learn From Jesus First	<ul> <li>Lesson 1</li> <li>One spiritual discipline you can carry with you to campus is something called the Daily Examen. We borrowed it from St. Ignatius of Loyola and didn't think he'd mind (especially since he died over 400 years ago). Leveraging this discipline can help you pay close attention to Jesus in your own life and ministry. All you have to do is take a few minutes to reflect on the following: <ul> <li>When did you experience Jesus' presence today?</li> <li>When did you feel as if Jesus were absent today?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Lesson 3 Spend some time reviewing the healthy and unhealthy characteristics of small group culture. Debrief with your CSM how they feel their current small group culture is doing in each of the areas.
Chapter 3: Turn up the Hospitality	<ul> <li>Does your small group lean more towards a huddled community or a witnessing/conversion community? What is one thing you could do to strengthen it as a witnessing/conversion community?</li> </ul>	Lesson 2 Review the discussion questions with your CSM. What practice of hospitality does their community excel at? Which ones would they like to incorporate more in their ministry?
Chapter 4: Turn up the Curiosity	<ul> <li>Which of these reasons resonates with your experience of leadership? What might be another reason we can be afraid of what questions might get asked?</li> </ul>	Lessons 1-3 Spend time going through the suggestions for how to set the tone for curiosity. Discuss which ones your CSM might need help implementing and come up with some ideas together for how to incorporate them.
Chapter 5: Turn up the Transformation	<ul> <li>Lesson 1</li> <li>Think about the transformations in your own life and ministry.</li> <li>How have you experienced these stages?</li> <li>Where do you see yourself now, and where do you hope to be?</li> <li>How are you seeing God's transforming work in your life and in the life of those in your ministry?</li> <li>Are there spaces in your life and ministry where you could invite more transformation?</li> </ul>	Lesson 4 Look through the barriers to sharing the gospel. What barriers might you add? Which barriers does your CSM struggle with the most? Pray through those and come up with some next steps to work through those barriers.





<ul> <li>What is one thing you could do differently in your group to foster an environment more conducive to transformation?</li> <li>Lesson 3</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>What images come to mind when you think about sharing the gospel? What emotions do you feel? What fears and hopes do you carry?</li> </ul>	

### **Next Steps**

- Take this <u>self-assessment</u> on teaching about Jesus.
- Assess which of these—hospitality, curiosity, transformation—could use the most work in your small group culture
- Determine what barriers you or your community might need to overcome
- Make a plan for how your small groups will study Scripture and share the Gospel

