

A Mighty Longing

Week 2

CO-FACILITATOR HELPS

The With-Me Principle of Co-facilitating

In Mark 3:14, Jesus called a group of twelve “to be with Him,” then He sent them out. They had about three years of being “with Jesus.” You have invited some men to be with you in a 2-year experience and hopefully longer. As a facilitator you will be leading individuals to experience Jesus and preparing them to lead themselves for the remainder of their lives. You are also leading a group of men. Rudyard Kipling said the strength of the wolf is in the pack, and the strength of the pack is in the wolf. This captures your role as a facilitator. Each week we will give you a bit of truth that will address your role and be helpful in making you a better leader.

Take Responsibility: The greatest way a leader can be a servant leader is to fulfill his role by LEADING. In God's strength, be the leader stepping up and leading. Of course, you will facilitate, delegate, stay quiet and listen, as well as learn from the participants. Jesus obeyed his Father by leading the disciples.

TODAY'S TAKEAWAY

You have been invited to “get in the pool” with God. Ask God to give you the desire to pursue Him.

MAIN POINTS

1. This relationship is one of love, and the greatest joy in your life can be walking closely with Jesus.
2. All relationships take discipline to help them reach their full potential.
3. When we trust God by getting out of our comfort zones and set into the deep waters, God will meet us there with more of Himself.

KICKOFF PRAYER

6:00 a.m. (5-10 minutes)

You may just start the time in prayer, or ask if anyone has a personal praise or a personal issue.

ENCOURAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY **6:10 (10 minutes)**

1. Thank the men for arriving before 6:00 so we can start on time (or encourage them to do so).
2. Thank them for bringing their Bibles, CLC curriculum, and Tozer's book. Encourage them to bring these each time.

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3. Ask if all were able to complete the CLC curriculum and read all of the assigned portion of Tozer's book. Remind and encourage them to follow through in their commitment. Thank them.
4. Tell them how important is it to be on time, stay the whole time and do the work.
5. Turn to the curriculum page and ask the men, "What can I do to make this experience successful?" Walk through each point on page 2:2 in the Home Study.
6. Take time to set up the lunch matrix.

REFLECTION ON THE CLC HOME STUDY 6:20 (40 minutes)

1. Describe the three components of the introduction that demonstrate a deep walk with Jesus. (Delight in the Lord, Discipline in the Lord, Diving Deeper with the Lord.)
2. Take about two minutes for each man to use a word picture of the pool that would describe where he is now with his relationship with Jesus. Remember that we accept each other right where we are. In fact, almost every one of us thinks he is the spiritual pigmy of the group. That's okay.
3. What would it look like or feel like for a man to really delight in the Lord? Ask 2 or 3 men to share how they are experiencing that type of a relationship.
4. Have 2 or 3 men share about their prayer time, either good or not so good.
5. Spending time in God's word is healthy. Have 2 or 3 men share their experiences.
6. Take about five minutes and have 3-4 men lead in praying that we all would truly enjoy this walk with Jesus, begin to develop some spiritual discipline, and get out of the shallow end in order to go deeper.

REFLECTIONS ON TOZER'S BOOK 7:00 (40 minutes)

Remember: Ask the men to come each week to class with issues to discuss from the book or CLC curriculum.

Leaders, as you prepare for the discussion on the book this week, we want to introduce you to our model for the flow of discussion about the Scripture and book studies. We want the discussion to flow from the "head" to the "heart" to the "feet." What do we mean?

The "head" has to do with the truth of the Scriptures and books we read and study. We first want to examine the truth of what we study, for this is the foundation for our faith. This is typically the easiest for men to discuss, but it is important to move from the "head" to the "heart."

The "heart" has to do with our response to the truth in our emotions and will. The heart discussion deals with where we are personally in relation to the truth and how we feel about it.

Finally, the “feet” part of the discussion has to do with what we are going to do about the truth. How can we let this truth shape our lives, actions, and habits? This is where we talk about choices and plans to implement the truth in our lives.

A helpful approach to leading a discussion is to start with a “hook,” an interesting, relevant personal story, quote, current event, etc. to grab the group’s attention. Then begin with the “head” discussion, moving on to the “heart” and the “feet.”

Leaders, you also need to be on your toes as you prepare, to think of good questions to ask. During the meeting, use spontaneous questions that facilitate discussion and guide it.

TOZER’S QUESTIONS

Co-facilitators: Tailor-make these questions to the way you would ask them. Make them personal. Feel free to add your own questions that would better address the truth where your guys are in their growth.

Say to the group:

“Brothers, each week before we begin the discussion on the book or the CLC curriculum, I am going to ask the question: What are some points you want to discuss? I will jot down those points and make sure we cover them during our time.”

Then you can say:

- 1. I want to just list points you want to discuss.

What are they?	Who suggested?
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Now let’s discuss them.

- 2. What would you say are the key points of Ch. 1?
- 3. How does being made in God’s image enhance our relationship with Him?
- 4. Why is “relationship” the key word in our text?
- 5. How will a quality relationship with God affect all other relationships?
- 6. How can programs and activities become a substitute for a deep walk with Jesus?
- 7. What is your role in the CLC experience in developing your relationship with God and your role with the others in the group?

EMPOWERING PRAYER

7:40 (20 minutes)

1. From our Home Study and Tozer's book, what would be the three main points for prayer?
2. Are there specific prayer requests for you personally on truths we have discussed?
3. Let's have a season of prayer for these. (Two or more men pray.)

CO-FACILITATORS' DEBRIEFING

Brothers, the first six weeks will set the pace for the remainder of the two years. Keep the bar high. They have committed to the group and to the Lord. Do your part in leading.

THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP

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 - All come to class with CLC curriculum Home Study prepared
 - All come to class with Tozer's book read.
 - All come with verse memorized.
 - All are present except ones who called in.
 - All arrive on time.
 - All stay the whole time.
 - All bring their Bibles.
 - All bring the CLC Curriculum.
 - All bring the Tozer book.
 - Those who missed called, not emailed, one of the co-facilitators ahead of time to let him know he would be absent.
 - Each member who missed was called by another member to tell him he was missed and to share about the meeting.
 - All are doing the lunch matrix.