

“Jesus Says”: Facilitator Guide

Week 1: Matthew 22:34-40, “Staying focused in a world of distraction”

Before you meet: Send out a reminder and encouragement to your ‘Ohana Group about attending group. Remind to attend one of the in-person services Fridays at 6:30pm, Sundays at 8:30am or Online Sunday mornings.

Be Prepared: Test out the video from the ‘Ohana Group Webpage by playing it and making sure it is working well prior to meeting. Print out any of the resources you need for the night (discussion questions and facilitator guide). Read through the questions ahead of time. Videos and Material found at hopechapelmaui.com click on ‘Ohana Groups.

Suggested Format:

- Welcome/Fellowship
- Pray
- Watch Video (video 10-20 min)
- Discussion Questions (30-40 min)
- Prayer Requests and Praises (10-20min)

Leader Guide:

Jesus Says— in this series we are focusing exclusively on the words of Jesus as recorded throughout the Gospels that will both challenge us and comfort us in the circumstances we face today!

Please encourage your ‘Ohana to be diligent in reading through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John) throughout the week. This will allow us all to have a better understanding of context and be more familiar with the teachings of Jesus.

As you use this discussion guide, feel free to use as many questions or as little question as you need to facilitate your ‘Ohana Group.

Discussion Guide:

-Read Matthew 22:34-40, out loud together.

-PLAY VIDEO

‘Ohana Group Study Questions

(Jesus Says, “Staying focused in a world of distractions”, Matthew 22:34-40, Week 1:)

1. In the message from this weekend or the video, what encouraged you, challenged you or spoke to you most and why? What applications for your life did you learn?
2. From reading, Matthew 22:34-40, what encouraged you, challenged you or spoke to you most and why?

A Deeper Look

3. What things/distractions fight for your attending in your daily life? What can you do to keep your eye on Jesus when these distractions arise?
4. Why are the commandments "love the Lord your God" and "love your neighbor" so closely tied that they are inseparable? Why are the commandments ordered this way? (John 13:34-35, 1 John 4:19)

TAKING IT HOME

5. How can you deepen your love for God, this week, this month or this year, in each of these areas?
 - Heart & Soul (love him with your emotions and your desires, your will, the entire essence of your being)
 - Mind (love him by deepening our knowledge of God and honoring him with our thoughts)
 - Strength (love him by honoring him, obeying him, and serving him with our physical bodies)
6. Who are your neighbors? How can you better love your neighbors this week, this month, this year? *(Be specific and take a step of faith this week with at least one of your ideas.)*

HOMEWORK

Spend some time during this series reading the Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES
