

Small Group Discussion Guide – January 15, 2012

"Face2Face - Seeing Jesus Again for the First Time" ~ the Gospel of John

Pendulum Swings: Pendulum swings, better known as icebreakers or getting started questions, are just a fun way to kickoff your small group time together by going from the not so serious to deeper connecting times.

As you begin your Small Group this week ... *"Have you ever ... ?"*

- ✓ ... been locked out of your house? How did you feel? What did you do?
- ✓ ... read the map wrong then found out that you were going the wrong way?
- ✓ ... broken a promise or had a promise to you broken?
- ✓ ... felt that someone, especially God, had left you all alone? What happened?
- ✓ ... realized that God was still there and supporting you all along?

"Greater Things Than These?"

(sermon notes from Monte Cox)

Intro: Pray together

Each week re-read John 20:30-31 as a reminder of John's purpose in writing this account of Jesus' life. "... so that you may believe... and that by believing you may have LIFE in his name."

Read: John 14 - 16

Key Verses: John 14:8-14; 18-19, 27; 16:-33-35

1. In what ways do we (like the first disciples) make it difficult for Jesus to entrust us with the task of taking the gospel to the world?
2. Why do we pray "in Jesus' name?"
 - Why do you think some Christians are reluctant to use that phrase anymore when they pray?
3. What changes would you have to make in your own life to "own" your responsibilities as a follower of Christ?
 - Are you "good" with these changes?
 - In what ways do you want to "own" those responsibilities?
4. In what ways does the "Counselor" minister to you?
 - Take time to discuss the presence of the "Counselor" in your life.
5. Jesus promised that His followers would see even "greater things" than what they saw Him do.
 - What "greater things" would you envision for us as a church family?
 - What "greater things" would you envision for you and your family?