



5 EVENTS THAT SHAPED THE
CHURCH

FACILITATOR: You can go over GROUND RULES
if you think its needed.

REMINDE to the GROUP that when
they see this symbol **[Q]** it means
we are supposed to ASK a question
and **take time** to answer it together.



GROUND RULES for JOURNEY GROUPS

ACCOUNTABILITY: I'll show up every week unless I'm out of town or I've let the host know the (good) reason I will be absent.

PREPARATION: Before each meeting, I'll have listened to the weekend conversation, and have spent some time reading and reflecting upon God's Word.

AFFIRMATION: I acknowledge that every person in this group is at a different point in considering, seeking or following Jesus, and I will value and affirm people for where they are.

CONFIDENTIALITY: I'll maintain complete confidentiality. What I hear and say in the group stays in the group. **LISTENING:** I understand that others will need to be encouraged to share, to be open and to express emotion. I will let them do so, without being judgmental, trying to "fix" them or offering unsolicited advice.



GROUND RULES for JOURNEY GROUPS

SELF-AWARENESS: I understand that some of us are talkers and some are quieter, so I'll be aware of not dominating the discussion or always leaving the weight of it to others.

VULNERABILITY: I'll stretch myself to be as open and honest as I can with my perspectives and experience to create a safe environment that might encourage others to take risks, too.

CONFLICT: Community can be very messy, and conflicts may arise. I'll offer grace to others and won't leave the group over disagreements, realizing that God might use conflict in my spiritual formation in some way I don't currently understand.



EVENT #2... *Protestant Reformation (1517)*

FACILITATOR ASK...

[Q] Have you ever been misled? Has anyone ever pulled one over on you? Have you ever been scammed?

[Q] What did it feel like? What was at stake? Was it by someone you knew already and trusted or a stranger?

The Church should be the last institution to mislead anyone
However, up to the time of Luther it was guilty of much!

Hand the device to the person who came the **farthest**.



Ok world traveler...

READ This to the Group...

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-7

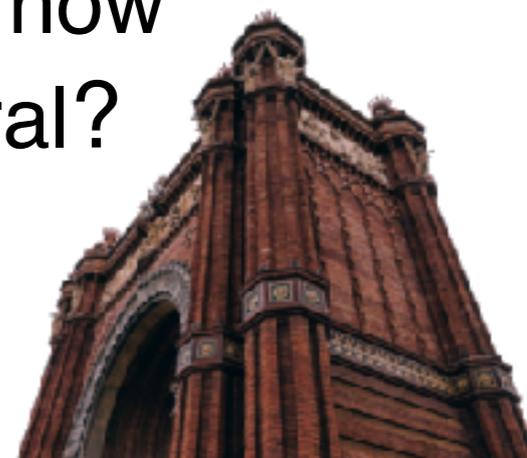
[Q] Do we trust God's word to lead us to truthful living?

READ Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

[Q] What do the words underlined about say about how we should view doctrine, philosophy, or life in general?

Hand the device to the person is sick of the weather.



After you're done complaining...

[Q] Ask the group to share things that they believed growing up that they assumed were true because they heard it at church?

[Q] How did you come to learn that what you believed to be true wasn't? How did it feel when you came to understand that?

READ This to the Group...

We have a responsibility to know what God's Word says about certain subjects, but we also have a responsibility to share it too.

Since you complained the most you have to
keep reading...



Just like Winter - Your time is almost over...

[Q] Who do you go to for advise or counsel on matters of the Bible? Do you have a mentor or someone you trust?

The **REFORMERS** were committed to bringing what the church believed and practiced back to what the Bible said.

They called the church to commit to the ***Five Solas*** (Read them)

Sola Scriptura (“Scripture alone”): The Bible alone is our highest authority.

Sola Fide (“faith alone”): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

Sola Gratia (“grace alone”): We are saved by the grace of God alone.

Solus Christus (“Christ alone”): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.

Soli Deo Gloria (“to the glory of God alone”): We live for the glory of God alone.

Hand the device BACK to the Facilitator...



[Q] Go back to one of the false beliefs you shared earlier...
Which ***Sola*** speaks TRUTH into that false belief?

[Q] What is the best way to discern or interpret things
moving forward?

[Q] How should we respond to others who are deeply
rooted in false doctrine and man-made tradition?

Go to last slide...



End by READING the following verses...

1 Timothy 4:7 Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness.

Romans 1:25 Because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

2 Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

Close in prayer as a group.

