

Circle-Up 3 - Let's Form a Jesus Circle

- **GOALS & GUIDELINES:**
- **ICEBREAKER:** Tell a time you tried to measure something round.. or.. How would you measure something round?
- **AGREEMENT PRAYER**
- **PRAISE**
- **SCRIPTURE READ**

Jesus never asks you to do something He was unwilling to do. He does ask us to perform some important tasks. One of those tasks is reach out to other people and tell them about God's Love.

Immediately after His baptism, Jesus walked alone into the wilderness. He was in this wild area for 40 days where He was tested in many ways. Q- Tell us some of the things Jesus went through in the wilderness.

Q- Can you personally relate to His wilderness experience in your own life. Share.

After Jesus returned to town from His time in the wilderness, He began to gather friends into His circle. This is one of the tasks He has passed on to us. Q- How does Jesus invite his disciples into His circle? (scripture – come)

We all have circles in our lives. Most of us grew up with an immediate family: fathers, mothers, sisters, and brothers. Then we went to school and our class mates became a type of circle. Some of our circles are large and have great diameter and circumference, so that we don't really know, or interact with all the members. Q- Can you think of examples of circles that are too large to actually interact with?

Some circles are more interactive and even intimate, and these are the circles that require more care and personal concern. These might be your friends, your church family, or your own families.

Jesus had circles. Can you imagine members of His circle excluding him from their own circles? Can you imagine Peter not telling His family circle about Jesus? Can you imagine John not telling his fishing business circle about Jesus? Can you imagine Mathew the tax collector not telling the other tax collectors about Jesus? Q- What would you say to a disciple who doesn't bring Jesus into all their circle relationships? Q- Can we be honest enough to admit we do this? Care to talk about it? Why do we include Jesus in some circles yet exclude Jesus from other circles?

Our scripture verses demonstrate the size and order of Jesus' great circle. Q- How big is His circle?

His circle is so big it can't be numbered! That is what Revelation 7:9 tells us. He invites any person who ever lived to come into His circle, and for centuries now, men and women around the world have been meeting with him and 'circling-up' with him.

Q- How small is His circle?

He is God and He is able to do big mega things... but as God, He is also able to draw His circles very tightly and intimately. Matthew 18:20 says "For where two or three gather in my name, I will be there with them." This should give each believer a sense of security and intimacy with the God of the Universe, so that He becomes your intimate friend and Father and brother. The security of this circle is not based on SIZE, but on the access we give to each other.

Q- Tell us about a time where you were in a small intimate circle with God.

Jesus invited people into His circle. He invites all people to come. Jesus never asks us to do something that He was unwilling to do. We need to invite others into our circle. As disciples, we also must include Jesus in every circle, every relationship, every purpose, and every moment. Let's do this. Let's circle up.

Internal Question- Have you been taking community for granted? Has this shown you that you really need your family, friends, and church? Will you circle up in a more meaningful way? Will you pray? Will you circle your community in prayer? **{PRAY}**

VISION- Jesus included you in His circle. Will you include Him?

(Prayer requests)

Sarah Fluitt (protection as she works at a Hospital)

Revival in our homes

Brandon & Emily Moore fam (Pregnancy pains)

Glen & Pam Bland fam (Pam Laid off – Finance)

Cheryl Fane (hospital with Corona symptoms)

Dean Parks – Mass in lungs. In hospital last we heard.

Daniel Hughes (Salvation for a friend)

Blessing extended fam Pat, Bob, Diane, Cheryl

Josie Longoria's grand-daughter Kendra Murphy

Jon Upchurch – Protection from sickness

Keep Jesus our focus

Finances – everyone! Peace – everyone!

Pray for protection over each other. Claim God's Healing.

Pray for our city & nation & world.

Goals and Guidelines

1. Grow in relationship with each other

2. Grow in relationship with God

3. Grow in number and multiply

- This is a non-denominational meeting where everyone's thoughts, ideas, and opinions are to be respected. Everyone is welcome and we encourage all to share their feelings.
- We will not argue or debate!
- We place God's Word as the highest authority.
- We all share equally in the ownership of this Connect Group, therefore we will all participate in hosting meetings from house to house on a weekly basis.
- We will be committed to attendance and arriving on time.
- When sharing, we follow 3 simple rules...
 - Stay on subject, Keep it short & Keep all comments appropriate.
- We will build confidence and trust with each other and become transparent.
- What is said in here stays in here. No gossip!
- Last but not least... We will invite others to our Connect Group!

Hebrews 10:24-25 ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Matthew 4:18-20 ¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him.

Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Rev 7:9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

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