

The cycle of running to the idol to fix problems is common to all people.

Why do you think that God allows us to do so for a period of time before He steps in?

Grace is free but truth will cost you everything.

What does this mean to you and how have you seen this principle worked out in life?

What does it mean to you to “come to the cross”? What is “the cross” in everyday life?

What are some ways that we try to escape from the journey to “the cross”?

What are some ways that you have experienced “the cross”?

The really tough and strong were able to stay alive by “fighting the cross”.

What are some ways that we “fight the cross”?

If you “die” you get to walk in the life, gifts, and power of God.

What does it mean to you to “die”?

Why do you think that this a requirement for the power of God in us?

What does it mean to “bring yourself, no better, no worse”?

Why is this difficult for us? How might the way we were raised affect our ability to do this?

When you give something to God He takes it, doesn't give it back, and comes and works on it when He's ready. Is this what you were taught concerning giving and taking from God?

How is it helpful to embrace the concept that God never gives back what we give to Him? What is difficult about this concept?

Jesus said “Come to me all who are weary and heavy-laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke on you and learn of me and you shall find rest in your souls”.

How might “the rest that is given” be different from “the rest that is found”?

Look at the Divine Glue diagram on page 5.

In what ways have you seen this process in individuals you know (without names or personal details). How have you experienced this yourself?

What is something on this list that you need to give to God?

Have the group pray with you about that area of your life.