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What is Branches?

Branches is all about thinking outward. God, incarnate, came to us in and through Jesus so that we might enter into a love relationship with him. And as we spend time with Jesus, we realize that we are to imitate him. To imitate Jesus we must be outward and to love as Jesus loved. But what does that look like? How can we imitate Jesus' beautiful sentness and love people like he loves them?

Branches is a five week course that serves as a launching point to adopt the outward mindset of Jesus. As a class we'll explore why we must be outward in mindset, how we are to intentionally love others in our modern context, and what are some of the obstacles to living an outward focused life. Besides class time, you will also have a partner who will help you accomplish your plans, and think through what might be the next step to intentionally love others.

Class Schedule

1 Being Outward: Why?

Outside of Class: Pray for plans, people and the Holy Spirit's leading, Check in with your "buddy," work your plan, Fill Out Week 1 Sheet

2 Being Outward: How? Let's get creative!

Outside of Class: Pray for plans, people and the Holy Spirit's leading, Check in with your "buddy," work your plan, Fill Out Week 2 Sheet

3 Being Outward: Obstacles we face

Outside of Class: Pray for plans, people and the Holy Spirit's leading, Check in with your "buddy," work your plan, Fill Out Week 3 Sheet

4 One, simple, flexible tool: Stories big and small

Outside of Class: Pray for plans, people and the Holy Spirit's leading, Check in with your "buddy," work your plan, Fill Out Week 4 Sheet

5 Keep Growing, Keep Going!

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Week 1 Sheet

Name _____

What's the plan?

Think through how you might come along side the people on your brainstorm list. What can you do to spend meaningful time with them? How might you progress the relationship with the end goal of inviting them to follow Jesus?

How did it go?

Were you able to stick to your plan? Yes No

If No, what did you do instead? (If yes, skip this short answer)

How did it go? (for both you and for them)

Come to class ready to: ask a question, share a story, give feedback, and/or pray about individuals you have intentionally engaged with or plan to intentionally engage with the love of Jesus.



Pray, Brainstorm, Pray, Do it

Worksheet

First, pray that the Lord might lead you to think of people you can begin to intentionally engage with through this class. Secondly, on the blank space below brainstorm anybody you can think of who you can begin to intentionally love with the love of Jesus.

Think through: Family who might not have a relationship with the Lord, Classmates, Roommates, Friends, People you see on campus. Basically anyone you run into!

Try to think of 5 to 10 people: