

Riverside Men's Study
September 22, 2008

- 1) Share about a time when you were able to use connections or influence to get to do something, or see something, that was really cool. When have you been an insider and it really worked out for you?
- 2) What does the book mean by an Insider for faith sharing purposes? Where might you have particular influence?

Read Ephesians 1:3-10

- 3) What is God attempting to do in our world?
- 4) In Scripture what does it say is the reason that Jesus Christ came into the world?

Mark 10:45
Luke 19:10
John 3:17
John 10:10-11

Read John 17:15-23

- 5) What role are we to play in God's eternal purpose? What is our current role in what God is trying to do in the world?
- 6) What would be an accurate job description for a Christian? Purpose, qualifications, functions, vital relationships, etc.

Read Matthew 13:24-43

- 7) Why do you suppose God wants the wheat (us) to grow together with the weeds (unbelievers who live ungodly lives)?
- 8) If you had the opportunity to live and interact only with other Christians, how would that aid and hinder your spiritual growth?
- 9) What does Jesus teach us about how we are to relate to unbelievers around us?

Matthew 5:13-16
Luke 6:27-36
Luke 14:12-14

Read John 4:34-38

- 10) How does Jesus' farming analogy illustrate the process for the spreading of the Gospel?

It takes sowing, cultivating, and reaping over time.

Distribute handout. Read description of diagram.

- 11) How have you encountered people at various stages in this progression? What strategies have you found helpful in walking them towards Jesus Christ? What strategies/ideas would you like to try?