



Flip That House

Small Group Discussion Guide

Teachers

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*“A student is not above his **teacher**, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his **teacher**.”*

- Luke 6:40

Discussion Questions

1. Describe one of your favorite teachers from school. Why did you like that teacher so much?
2. What are the qualities of a good teacher? What are the qualities of a bad teacher?
3. Read Matthew 13:31-32. How does this analogy help us better understand the Kingdom of God?
4. Bamboo doesn't grow for the first few years, but there is 90 feet of growth during the 5th year! Has something taken root in your life that was invisible for a while, but then suddenly it became apparent? Share an example from your own life, or from the life of someone you know.
5. Read Ecclesiastes 12:9-12. Take some time to dissect this passage. What does it tell us about the role of a teacher? What does it tell us about the role of the learner?
6. A long arm starfish, called “Linckia,” will grow an entire new starfish every time it loses a leg. How is this similar to the way the Kingdom of God operates in people?
7. Not everyone has the spiritual gift of teaching (1 Cor 12:29-31). Yet, the Bible instructs us to always be prepared with an answer to everyone who asks about our faith (1 Pet 3:15). What implications does this have for our life?

The Big Idea

Teachers have great influence. They mold the minds and lives of people everyday. More often than not, the results of teaching are hidden from view, at least for a while. A seed is planted and it takes root, but the fruits are not visible for some time.

Jesus was a great teacher. He constantly instructed his disciples, teaching them the necessary knowledge and skills they would need to build the kingdom of God. Just as Jesus had disciples, he calls all of us to “make disciples” (Matt 28:19). We are to be teachers of light in a dark world, building the kingdom of God through all that we do.