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LEADERSHIP ESSENTIAL

It's week two of our Circles Summer Semester! As a leader, we make disciples by modeling what it looks like to follow. One of the ways you can do that is by taking your next step in memorizing Romans 8:37-39. Modeling what it looks like to hide Scripture in your heart over the summer may go further than you would ever know, and we believe God is going to do something amazing in you through His Word!




PRO TIP

You don't have to start fresh every week, just build on what's already been shared. Mention something someone said last time or ask, "Did anything stick with you from last week?" It shows you're listening and reminds your circle that what they share really matters.

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Take the first 5-7 minutes and share:

- One thing you're looking forward to this summer
- One word you hope describes your next two months

 *This is really for any circle starting this week. If you did this last week, refer to the pro tip on how to get started! This light and personal opener builds connection without pressure. It helps gauge where your group is emotionally and spiritually as you start the summer. Let people answer briefly, then transition naturally into the discussion.*

DISCUSS & ENGAGE THE SCRIPTURES

[Click here for a link](#) to all Scripture references from the message.

Read Ruth 1:16-17. There are three choices we can make to overcome selfishness:

1. Choose God as our God (Matthew 6:24).
 - In your daily life, what does it look like for you to choose God as your God?
 - What are the things that want to sneak into your life and become an idol before you realize it (your job, hobbies, kids, finances, etc.)?




In your attendance, share notes on this question and summarize your circle's experience.




This is about naming what quietly competes for our trust and attention. Help people reflect on where they might be drifting in a life-giving way. Ask: "What's something you often reach for before you reach for God?"

2. Choose His people to be your people (Hebrews 10:24-25 and Galatians 5:13).
 - Have you chosen the people of Valley Creek to be your people?
 - If so, how are they helping you live a life of servanthood? If not, what's stopping you?

 *This is about being known by others and doing life like Jesus did. Some in your circle may still be unsure if they've "chosen" Valley Creek. Affirm small steps like serving, showing up, or being known, then gently invite more. Ask: "Who's helped you grow recently?"*


3. Choose to die to yourself (Mark 10:45 and Mark 8:34-35).
 - When you find yourself at a crossroads like Ruth, which path do you take?
 - What does it look like for you to choose servanthood (being concerned for someone else's good and acting on it) instead of selfishness (being concerned with your good)?

 *This one can feel weighty, so stay connected to the Holy Spirit as your circle shares. The goal isn't a "right answer" – it's helping people notice where that choice shows up in real life. It's about perspective and practical moments. Ask: "Where did you have a choice this week to serve someone, and what did you choose?"*

This summer, we were invited to memorize Romans 8:37-39. [Click here](#) for resources to support your next step.

PRACTICE PLAN

If you're engaging in a practice plan, share that with your Circle. Access resources for each practice at valleycreek.org/adifferentway.

 *Transformation Tuesdays launch on June 10 and go through the month of July. This is a great place for Circles to practice together. Share this as a potential next step for those in your Circle and learn more at valleycreek.org/transformationtuesday.*

PRAY

Jesus, help me in my unbelief as I walk in victory as an overcomer.

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