



Doing What I Believe: Small-Group Leader Directions

This activity has two parts: a directed small-group sharing and the creation of a group poster. You have 20 minutes to complete both parts, so keep track of your time in guiding the group.

Distribute a sheet of Bishop Frank quotes to each person in your group. Lead a sharing with your group members (about 10 minutes), directing them with these or similar words:

- When we went through module 2, we chose one of these quotes as our favorite. We want to choose again—maybe our choice is different now than it was when we completed the module. We will each choose one quote from Bishop Frank that we like the most, think of an experience from our life that it relates to, and then share that experience briefly with the rest of the group.

Share your favorite quote and experience first as a model, or share the following example:

- I picked quote 3, because I don't think you can love God if you don't love other people. That's hypocritical. One of the most loving people I know is a lady who takes the coats our church collects down to a homeless shelter for people who don't have coats. She says we should treat each person as if he or she were Jesus. If that homeless person were Jesus, we would want him to have a coat.

Once everyone has had a chance to share his or her favorite quote and an event or experience that relates to it, ask for a volunteer to be the scribe for the group. Ask this person to start by writing "I am doing what I believe when I . . ." across the top of the sheet of newsprint. Offer the following explanation using these or similar words:

- Our group is going to make a poster on this sheet of newsprint. Our poster will represent each of us at our best. Let's talk for a few minutes now about how each of us would finish this sentence: "I am doing what I believe when I . . ." When we've each completed the sentence in our mind, we'll share it and have the scribe write it on our poster. When we finish, we'll read our poster out loud to the large group, without identifying who said what, and then we will post it on our prayer wall.

At the end of your small-group time (before the large group is reconvened to share the posters), invite the group to choose one statement from the poster to be read as part of the closing prayer.



Quotes from Bishop Frank

1. “God is love. Anytime, anyplace, with any person, that we truly love the way God wants us to love them, God is present.”
2. “The mission is to love, and discipleship is to do it in the name of Jesus. That’s what we are called to do.”
3. “That’s the genius of being a Christian. It’s not complicated. Love God above all things, love your neighbor as yourself; Jesus put them together. That’s missionary discipleship.”
4. “Love is most needed in the shadows of society. . . . All those individuals who society would really prefer go away, I call those ‘the people in the shadows.’ Those are the people who need to be loved.”
5. “Anyone who goes out to reach out to those in need, who tries to love them, comes away with more than they gave to the person in need. That’s the beauty of love.”
6. “When you love, you’re also loved back. It’s a beautiful thing; it’s the way of God.”

