



# REAPIN' JESUS



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# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to *Reppin' Jesus*, a “Deeper Together” E-5 model series experience for young adults. These encounters will awaken a desire to learn more about Jesus, while deepening their experience with Him.

## ABOUT

In a world that often feels disconnected and uncertain, young adults are searching for deeper meaning, authentic relationships, and spiritual growth. The *Deeper Together* series is designed to meet those needs by diving into core aspects of the Christian faith, providing a safe space for young adults to explore, question, and grow together.

Participating in *Deeper Together: Reppin' Jesus* is next level. This E5 model—Engage, Express, Enrich, Experience, and Explore—combines Bible study, practical life lessons, interactive activities, and personal reflection to help young adults build a stronger connection with God, themselves, and their community. From understanding the profound truths of the Ten Commandments to navigating the delicate balance between law and grace, each lesson provides meaningful insights and encourages transformative discussions.

Whether you're discovering the importance of the Sabbath, grappling with the reality of spiritual warfare, or learning to apply biblical principles in everyday life, *Deeper Together* is more than just a study series—it's a journey into authentic community, spiritual connections, and deep personal growth. Come join us as we explore faith, share our stories, and grow deeper together in Christ.



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COMMUNICATE

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# DEEPER

## An E-5 Model Series Experience



The *Deeper Together* E5 Model is more than just a strategy flow for a meeting agenda; it's a way of nurturing spiritual growth and authentic community within young adult small groups. Through the five pillars—Engage, Express, Enrich, Experience, and Explore—the E5 Model invites participants to connect deeply with God, His Word, and each other in meaningful ways.

Each step is designed to move beyond surface-level interaction and encourage a journey of transformation—one that involves personal reflection, active engagement, and practical application of faith. By intentionally incorporating these elements, we create an environment where real discipleship happens, where questions are welcomed, faith is deepened, and lives are changed. As we move forward, let us commit to this journey of going deeper together, embracing every opportunity to grow closer to Christ and to one another in love, truth, and purpose.



## E-5 MODEL



# E-5 MODEL AT A GLANCE

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## ENGAGE

These activities are thematic and created to help connect with the current topic being presented.

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## EXPRESS

Think, Talk, Testify—When all three of these are happening with music and prayer, we will be *Reppin' Jesus* in group life.

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## ENRICH

The study of the Word happens here, which includes discussion questions, Bible study questions, and personal application questions.

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## EXPERIENCE

A challenge is given each week. This helps to immerse the group in the topic presented in a practical way during the time away from the group.

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## EXPLORE

Following the meeting, informal hanging around happens, which further connects the group. Also, there are added tid-bits for further topic exploration.

# HOW TO USE THIS E-5 MODEL

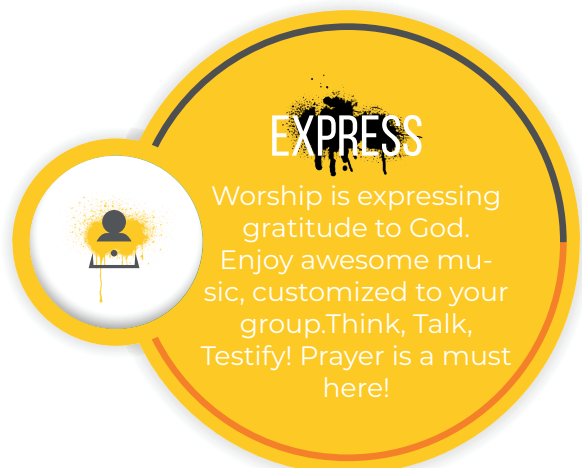
## 1. Engage



The first step in this E5 Model is to engage with each lesson topic from a Christian perspective but in a fun way. This involves choosing a leader in the group to introduce the main biblical principle in the lesson through a game or a question to invoke discussion. Begin by highlighting a thought-provoking question or a personal testimony that relates to the lesson topic which aims to ignite curiosity, encourage engagement, and prepare participants to connect their own experiences with the teachings of the Bible.

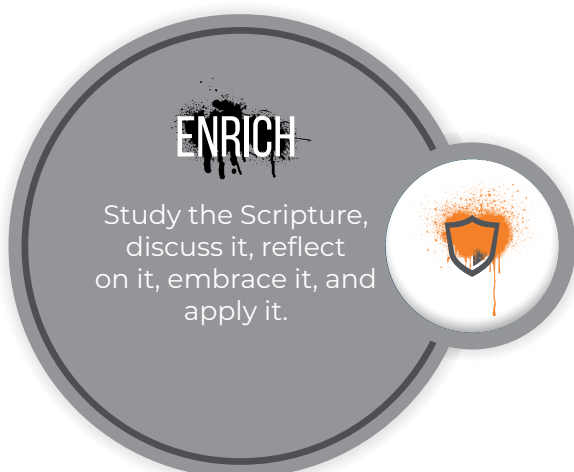
## II. Express

After engagement with the lesson topic, it's time to create space for participants to express their worship of God through sharing—spiritual songs, testimony, prayer, thoughts, emotions, and personal reflections. Here is where you worship God. Choose songs that fit your setting. Express also encourages members to speak openly and honestly from their hearts, while actively listening to others, and offering supportive and compassionate responses.





### III. Enrich



The Enrich stage focuses on deepening group members understanding of the biblical principles presented and their significance in the lives of young Christian adults like themselves. Enrich also involves exploring of relevant scripture passages, studying these passages, and discussing theological insights. By delving deeper into the Word of God, group members gain a comprehensive understanding of each topic, discovering its practical implications as they apply them to their daily lives.

### IV. Experience

The Experience stage of the E5 model is about actively living out the biblical principles learned in the Enrich stage. This involves engaging in Christian service projects, participating in group projects that promote love and compassion, or practicing spiritual disciplines together. These experiences include weekly challenges aimed at helping the group members put their faith into action so as to experience the transformative power of God through service in hopes that they gain a sense of community.



### V. Explore



The final stage is Explore. The Explore stage takes the group members into broader implications of biblical principles within the Christian community and the world. This involves reflecting on how the lesson impacts relationships in the local church and society at large. Group members can discuss ways to collectively apply the principles learned in the lesson and then seek opportunities for outreach and mission work. Explore encourages individuals to grow in faith and make a positive impact in the world as a united community of believers.

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# GETTING RIGHT WITH GOD

## Relationship Mapping

### Faith Journey GPS

**Preparation:** Provide each participant with a large sheet of paper or a blank canvas and markers, colored pencils, or pens. Prepare a few sample questions to guide their reflections.

**Create the Map:** Ask participants to draw a "Faith Journey Map" on their paper. They should illustrate their personal journey with God, marking significant moments, milestones, or turning points in their faith. Encourage participants to use symbols, drawings, or words to represent their experiences.

Sample Prompts:

- What was a significant moment when you felt closest to God?
- How have challenges or struggles strengthened your relationship with God?
- What practices or habits have been important in your faith journey?

**Share and Discuss:** Once everyone has completed their maps, have participants pair up or form small groups to share their maps and discuss their faith journeys. Encourage them to explain the symbols or milestones they included, and reflect on what these experiences mean to them. Conclude by inviting a few volunteers to share highlights from their discussions with the larger group. Discuss common themes or insights about building a relationship with God and how different experiences contribute to spiritual growth.

## Express Worship

Choose worship songs that focus on the closeness and intimacy we can have with God, such as:

- "Good, Good Father" by Christ Tomlin
- "Draw Me Close" by Michael W. Smith
- "Worthy" by CeCe Winans

These songs remind us that God desires a personal and intimate relationship with each of us, inviting us to come closer to Him.

*(Feel free to choose songs that fit your unique context.)*

## ENGAGE

Interact with the group by enjoying a transition activity related to the current lesson.

## EXPRESS

Worship is expressing gratitude to God. Enjoy awesome music, customized to your group. Think, Talk, Testify! Prayer is a must here!

# GETTING RIGHT WITH GOD

## Think, Talk, Testify: Understanding Our Relationship With God

### 1. God Desires Relationship with Us

Read James 4:8 which says, “Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.” This verse highlights the reciprocal nature of our relationship with God—He is always ready to meet us when we intentionally seek Him. Building a relationship with God is not just about religious rituals but about connecting with Him on a personal level.

**Example:** Emma shared how she always thought of God as distant and unapproachable. It wasn't until she started taking small moments each day to pray and read her Bible that she felt God's presence becoming real in her life. Her relationship with God shifted from duty to delight as she experienced His love and guidance more personally.

### 2. Communicating with God Through Prayer

Prayer is a powerful way to connect with God, not just as a routine but as a heartfelt conversation. Philippians 4:6-7 encourages us to bring all our worries, thanks, and desires to God. By talking openly and honestly with Him, we invite His peace and presence into our everyday lives.

**Example:** David shared how journaling his prayers helped him deepen his relationship with God. Writing out his thoughts, fears, and hopes allowed him to process his feelings and recognize God's responses in his life. He found that even in his toughest moments, God was listening and working things out for his good.

### 3. Hearing God's Voice Through Scripture

The Bible is God's primary way of speaking to us. It's not just a book of rules but a love letter that reveals God's character, promises, and desires for our lives. Psalm 119:105 describes God's Word as a “lamp to my feet and a light to my path,” guiding us in every season of life. Regular Bible study helps us learn more about God's heart and grow closer to Him.

**Example:** Sarah discovered that reading short passages from the Psalms each morning helped her start her day with the right perspective. She felt God's comfort and encouragement speaking directly to her through His Word, making her feel seen and valued by her Creator.

## EXPRESS

Worship is expressing gratitude to God. Enjoy awesome music, customized to your group. Think, Talk, Testify! Prayer is a must here!



## Prayer

Lead a prayer asking God to draw each person closer to Him. Pray for open hearts, a desire to connect, and the courage to be vulnerable with God. Thank Him for the ways He continually reaches out to us, even when we may feel distant.

# GETTING RIGHT WITH GOD

## ENRICH

Study the Scripture, discuss it, reflect on it, embrace it, and apply it.



## READ: JEREMIAH 29:13 SEEKING GOD WHOLEHEARTEDLY

Reflect on Jeremiah 29:13, which says, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." God promises that when we genuinely desire to know Him, He will reveal Himself to us. Building a relationship with God isn't about perfection but about pursuing Him with a sincere heart.

## BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What does James 4:8 teach us about the nature of our relationship with God?
2. How does Philippians 4:6-7 encourage us to approach prayer? Why is it important to communicate with God honestly?
3. In what ways does Psalm 119:105 describe the impact of Scripture in our lives? How does this help us build a closer relationship with God?
4. What does it mean to seek God with all your heart, as described in Jeremiah 29:13?

## PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What are some ways you can make time to build your relationship with God daily? How can you incorporate prayer, Bible study, and worship into your routine?
2. Have you experienced moments when you felt distant from God? What steps can you take to reconnect and draw near to Him?
3. How can understanding God's desire for a relationship with you change the way you approach your faith journey?
4. What obstacles prevent you from fully engaging in a relationship with God, and how can you overcome them with His help?

# GETTING RIGHT WITH GOD

## EXPERIENCE

Take the challenge from group life to personal life. Return to share the practical insights you tested.



## GOD'S LOVE LETTERS

Provide participants with notecards or small pieces of paper. Encourage them to write down their favorite Bible verses that speak of God's love, faithfulness, and desire to be close to His people. Collect the cards and create a "God's Love Letters" display board as a reminder of His personal care and commitment to everyone.




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## EXPLORE

Share food, laughs, and overflow thoughts with the group, and find information for further study.



## FIRST15 DEVOTIONAL APP

Recommend the First15 devotional app, which offers guided daily readings, prayers, and worship music to help individuals start their day in connection with God. This tool can help foster a routine of seeking God's presence and growing in relationship with Him.

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# E-5

## free space

Use this space for free thinking and creative expression about the lesson. Don't be shy. Explore your feelings, question what you've learned, express a plan to grow, and rep in a creative way for Jesus. - **Dr. B!**

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