

3RDPLACE III

Order of meeting, a #trainnaked Bible study.

We want to be people who tangibly express our love for Jesus through our tangible expressions of loving others. The goal of this "order of meeting" is to illuminate our hearts with tangible ways we offer love to our city. It doesn't take much effort, just a few friends and your Bibles. Each week you meet, follow a similar pattern and see how your home-made "training naked" exercises begin to create change in your networks of friends.

1 & 5 Story Sharing

Every week, you and your friends will come up with a simple "training naked" exercise that you will do in the week. These exercises are your response to the passage of scripture you study together. It can be as simple as visiting your grandmother in the nursing home, or playing soccer with kids in the park. It's not about conquering the world in one week, it's about making a dent in the lives of one or two. So When you come together share the stories from the previous weeks #trainnaked exercise.

2. Bible Study

Read the selected passage (follow along with the community by selecting a text from the current week's readings at www.textweek.com)

3. Questions

Ask, *'what does it say?'*

Simply read the text. Then reread it in another translation. Read the text within the context of the story the writer is telling. Ask yourself, what does this say, what did the writer want to say?

Ask, *'what does it mean to you?'*

What does the text mean to you at this point in your life? What current situation does the text illuminate? What is God saying to you?

Ask, *'what will you do?'*

Together decide what you need to do, a simple task or exercise that resonates with the *love Jesus, love others* way.

4. Prayer

After each person shares what they intend to do that week, spend time praying for one another. Even small steps can be uncomfortable at first. That's why we need each other to encourage us forward.

If you would like to talk through this, feel free to email Joe at joe@3rdplace.co.za.