

SOUL CITY OFFLINE
Going Deeper into Transformation
"Love in the Time of Corona: Week 2"

October 11th, 2020

1. Prayer (2-5 minutes)

Find a quiet, comfortable place to sit, and open up your time in prayer. Invite the Holy Spirit to lead your time of reflection and discussion.

2. Discussion (10-15 minutes)

Take some time to discuss the following questions as a group...

- Jeanne said that God designed us for ONENESS, not SAMENESS. What is the difference between ONENESS and SAMENESS?
- Why is it so hard for us to take responsibility in relationships?
- In Romans 2, we read that "God is kind, but he is not soft". What does this mean? How do you see God holding those two things simultaneously?
- Where do you struggle with blaming others instead of taking responsibility for yourself? How will you improve in that this week?

3. Practice (5-10 minutes)

READ: 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

One of the ways that Scripture encourages us to take responsibility in relationships with others and with God is through the practice of confession. Confession is a humble acknowledgement of the ways in which I have missed the mark and fallen short. This work helps keep us in the rhythm of taking responsibility instead of blaming others.

Lead your group in a time of short, silent meditation before God. We're not asking them to share their confessions out loud. This is a time of prayerful confession between them and God.

Once you've finished, give your group some time to discuss what that experience was like, and how they might incorporate that practice into their every day.

4. Prayer (2-5 minutes)

Finish your time of reflection in prayer. Ask God for the courage to take responsibility in your relationships this week.

