



GIVE LIKE GOD

## Advent - Who is Your God?

November 27, 2022

CG Discussion Guide

### CATCHING UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the things that Jesus has been up to in our lives since we last saw each other. As A church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

*Suggested time: 10 minutes*

- What can you thank God for this week?
- When were you most aware of Jesus' presence this week?
- When were you least aware of Jesus' presence this week?

### REVIEW THE MISSION

Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go because Jesus changes everything. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20) · *Suggested time: 10-15 minutes*

- People:
  - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
  - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, Serve CLT partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Charlotte)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve, and build relationships with this group?
- Plan:
  - Are there any hangouts already planned, or an extra hangout we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?
- Pray:
  - Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

## SCRIPTURE AND SERMON DISCUSSION

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, show us our sin, and strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Community Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25) · *Suggested Time: 30-40 minutes*

### Read Matthew 6:19-24.

1. What is the Holy Spirit showing you in these passages about God or about yourself?

### Recap the Sermon.

2. What did the Holy Spirit teach you through the sermon? What comforted you? What convicted you?

*Read Matthew 6:19-21.*

3. In verse 21, Jesus says "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Based on your life, possessions, and spending, where does this reveal your heart currently may be?

*Read Matthew 6:22-24.*

4. How do you see a battle between serving God and serving money taking place in your life right now? Where are you tempted to *give* your worship to or *get* your security from money in your day to day life? How do the Scriptures call you to repentance from that?

*Read Matthew 6:24-34.*

5. How does the promise of verse 32 - that God knows and supplies our every need - encourage you towards generosity with however little or much God has given you?

## PRACTICE

As a group, take a few minutes to head to [givelikegod.com](http://givelikegod.com) and talk about the three steps of this year's 'Give Like God' Initiative. Consider these questions:

What is the general response to the three initiatives?

How is the Spirit leading various group members to participate?

## CARE AND PRAYER

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)

*Suggested Time: 30-45 minutes.*