



## Go Back to Go Forward

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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*

*\*Note to Group Leaders - before getting started this week, we would encourage you to give your group 5-10 minutes to work through this chart on their own, as it will be a large part of what is discussed this week.*

### Read Exodus 34:6-7 and recap the sermon.

1. What stood out to you from the Scriptures or the sermon? What comforted you? What convicted you?
2. How have you seen evidence that you have been shaped by your past (both your life and family of origin)?

*In the sermon, we talked about the "Generational Judgment Principle". We said that this does not mean God will punish us for the sins of previous generations but rather that:*

- (1) *Sin has generational consequences.*
- (2) *Sin has generational patterns.*

3. In looking back at your family of origin (or what you know of it) how do you see evidences of generational consequences and generational patterns of sin showing up?

### Read Exodus 34:6-7 again.

*The third truth of the "Generational Judgment Principle" is that God redeems generational sin.*

4. How do you sense the Lord inviting you into this redeeming work from your past and your family of origin? How do you think redemption would look from these consequences and patterns?

*In the sermon, we gave 5 steps to "going back to go forward". They are:*

- *See Your Past*
- *Own Your Past - good and bad.*
- *Bring in others.*
- *Bring in God.*
- *By the power of the Holy Spirit, work to change.*

5. What is the next step you need to take this week to begin to "go back to go forward"?
6. **Pray** - Pray that our church and your CG would have God-given courage to face our stories and our families, asking God to redeem and work in our lives.

## ENGAGE THE HEART

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.*