



Jealousy + Envy

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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*

Read Psalm 73.

1. What stands out to you from this passage? What does this passage show us about God? What does this passage show us about ourselves?

Recap the sermon.

2. What stood out to you from the sermon? What comforted you? What convicted you?

In the sermon, we said that Envy provides three dangers:

- Envy lives in unreality.
- Envy keeps us from loving others.
- Envy pulls us away from God.

3. What do you tend to be jealous about/envious over? How does it relate to or lead to these three dangers?

In the sermon, we said that envy believes - "God has been good, just to someone or anyone else besides me."

4. How do you see this false belief show up in your own life, and how does it lead to envy of those around you?

Reread Psalm 73:23-28.

Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you. But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

5. How is 'God as our portion' good news for us in the midst of our envy?

Our spiritual disciplines can shape us to be more like Christ in regards to jealousy. We can:

- Worship
- Confess to God and Others
- Practice Gratitude to God

6. Which of these practices can you step into this week to help grow emotionally healthy around the area of jealousy? How does God's jealousy over us draw you closer to Him through this?

Pray - Pray that our members would see how all things are in God's hands to rule over and steward, and that we may have a right view of Him and his reign and that He is trustworthy.

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.*