

Jesus-Centered Family on Mission with Him

Why A Vision Series?

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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 Acts 2:42-47

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

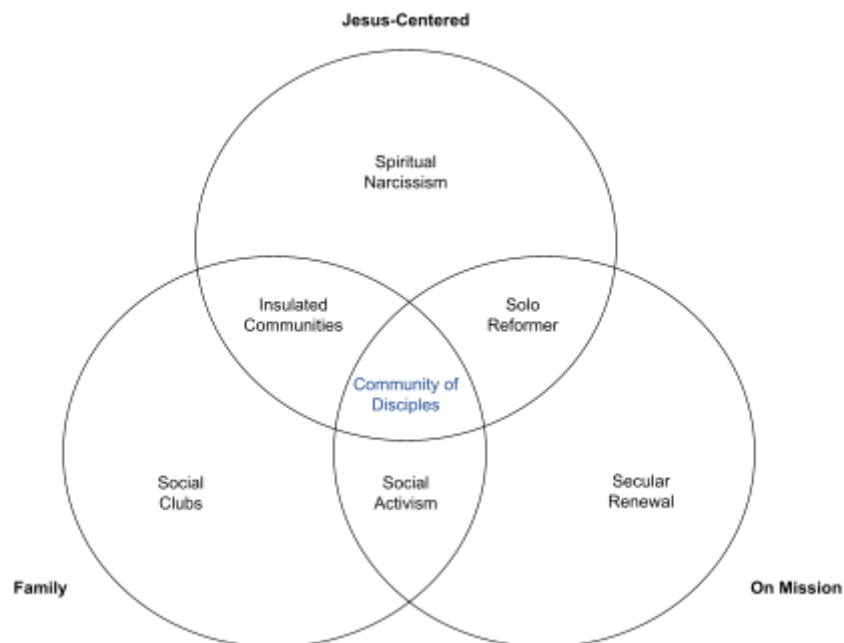
Recap the Sermon.

Read:

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." -James 1:22

The goal of our CG discussion times is not to simply recap what we "liked" about the sermon, although that is helpful, the goal is to work into our lives, to talk about how we might apply God's Word, and to make plans for the week to come as a community seeking to follow Jesus together. In light of that...

2. What did the Holy Spirit teach you through the sermon? What do you feel encouraged to do after hearing the Word preached?
3. The vision of Citizens Church is to be a Jesus Centered Family on Mission With Him. How do you see this in your life, Community Group, and in the church?
4. Look over the Vision Chart together. Which of these categories do you feel you fit into? Which area of Jesus Centered Family on Mission with Him do you feel is lacking in your life? What steps can you take to move closer to the Community of Disciples?



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.