



“Hallowed Be Your Name”

March 5th, 2023
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 6:7-15

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

Sermon Recap

Have someone read:

The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. One of the primary ways we can do that as Christians is to pray as Jesus taught us, by hallowing (or exalting) God. We read that in Heaven, the angels are glorifying God by repeatedly declaring "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" When we pray that God be exalted on Earth as it is in Heaven, this is what we are hoping that would look like here on Earth. Instead of lifting up our earthly desires and idols, we remember who God is, adore Him, lift Him up and exalt Him for who He is and what He has done for us.

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 or challenged to do after hearing the Word preached?
3. If someone looked at your life, relationships, and patterns, what would they say you exalt or lift up above everything else?
4. In prayer, we can exalt God by declaring who He is and what He has done. Spend a few minutes as a group before you pray, reflecting on who God is and what He has done for you. As people in the group share various things about God, let it draw you further into adoration.
5. **Let's pray together through Psalm 100 like we did on Sunday:**
 - o Read Psalm 100:3 – Spend a few moments adoring God for who He is.
 - o Read Psalm 100:3 – Spend a few moments adoring God for your salvation.
 - o Read Psalm 100:4 – Spend a few moments adoring Him for His provision in your life.
 - o Read Psalm 100:5 – Spend a few moments praising Him for His future faithfulness.

After the discussion, check-in with your group about their time in prayer through the Lent Guide. For those that are doing it, ask them to share how it is going, and encourage others to participate with their own copy or the digital version at <https://www.citizenscharlotte.com/lent-2023> throughout Lent.

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.