



Advent - Who is Your God?

December 11, 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 Deuteronomy 24:19-22

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?
3. Deuteronomy shows us that we should leave space in our finances for gleaning rather than "stripping our vineyards" for all that we can. How can you create a margin in this way for others? What barriers make that harder for you?

Read Deuteronomy 24:22.

4. There is a financial provision God has given to you, that was never meant for you, but was meant to be given by you to others. How do you need to put that into practice this week?

Pray.

Pray that we remember God's generosity often and specifically, dwelling in His abundance of grace, mercy, and love, freely able to let that flow through us to others.

PRACTICE

As a group, take a few minutes to head to 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.