



Preaching the Gospel

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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 Matthew 28:16-20 and Mark 1:14-15.

1. What is the Holy Spirit showing you in these passages about God or about yourself?
2. Were there any other passages brought up on Sunday that the Spirit used to speak to you?

Recap the Sermon.

3. What did the Holy Spirit teach you through the sermon? What comforted you? What convicted you?

In the sermon, Tim said - "For Jesus, preaching the gospel meant declaring the good news of the arriving Kingdom of God."

4. What has been your prior experience with "evangelism" or "preaching the gospel"? How does this reframe your perspective on what it might look like for you to engage in this practice moving forward?
5. How is the invitation to "preaching the Gospel" appealing to you? What are your current or perceived future barriers to this practice?

SPIRITUAL FORMATION PRACTICE

We want to not simply be hearers of the word, but doers. This week's practice is "Gospel Fluency". It is designed to help us learn to speak the good news of the gospel into the lives of those around us. The Practice Guide can be found at citizenscharlotte.com/do-what-jesus-did.

Take a few minutes to look at the practice guide together, considering who folks in your group are planning to engage with and how they can speak the gospel into their lives.

PRAY - Close in an intentional time of prayer for the group as they seek to have these conversations in the next few weeks and for the people they will be sharing with to have open hearts to the work of the Holy Spirit.

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.