



Teaching the Way

October 2, 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 Matthew 28:16-20 and Ephesians 4:11-16.

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?

SPIRITUAL FORMATION PRACTICE

Note to CG Leaders - this week we want you to do things a bit differently in group. We would encourage you to work through this week's Practice - "Following Jesus Together" as a group. Here's the steps you can take:

1. Take a few minutes to have folks pray and think about how they want to grow spiritually this fall.
2. Give each member a copy of page 2 of the Practice Guide (found below).
3. One by one, going around the circle, have each member share how they want to grow, then let the group spend 2-3 minutes brainstorming how they can (1) pray for that person and (2) help that person in that desired area. Please note - not everyone needs to help each member. This is a chance for various members to "own the discipleship" for others within the group. (ex: 2 CG members read the Bible together 3x/week, 4 CG members agree to set 7am alarms and pray for 5 minutes daily, 3 CG members agree to a bi-weekly "gratitude" breakfast - where they spend time celebrating what God is doing and hanging out together).
4. After each member shares, close the time by praying for the group as they move forward into helping each other grow.

PRAY - Close in time of prayer for our own hearts to be open to the active work of the Spirit in the world around us. Pray for the gift of faith. Also lift up prayers for specific healing brought up by members of your Community Group.

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.

