



“Goodness in a Time of Brokenness”

September 19, 2021
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 Galatians 5:16-25 and John 5:1-17 and recap the sermon.

1. What stood out to you from the Scriptures or the sermon? What comforted you? What convicted you?

(Note to CG Leaders: For the rest of the discussion time, work through this week's practice guide. It can be found here: citizenscharlotte.com/goodness.)

2. We are going to take a few minutes and work through the Moral Proximity practice on the practice guide separately.
3. Now we will spend time reviewing (*Leaders: For each step have folks share and give a chance to the CG to respond with feedback*):
 - a. What are some things you currently care about that you need to stop caring about?
 - b. What are some things you need to add or re-engage with in the "care and pray" circle?
 - c. What are some areas that need to move into the "action" circle? What is a next step you can take to move towards that specific area of brokenness this week?
4. Spend time praying for our group and our church - that we would become like Jesus in the fruit of goodness by stepping into brokenness around us and joining God in bringing restoration.

ENGAGE THE HEART

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