



Serving & Sacrificing

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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 20:17-28

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. In the sermon we said that Jesus invites us not just to acts of servitude, but to a life of servanthood. Where do you see parts of your life that are more revolved around you and your own selfish desires and ambitions, rather than around serving God and others?

In the sermon, we asked 4 Questions about Sacrificial Serving:

- *Are you willing to serve "that person"?*
 - *How much are you willing to suffer?*
 - *Are you serving from love or for love?*
 - *Is Jesus worth it?*
4. Were any of these questions particularly convicting and if so, how and why?
 5. Take some time now as a group to pray over each other - that group members would be willing to step out in sacrificial service, and not grow weary in doing good.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION PRACTICE

We want to not simply be hearers of the word, but doers. This week's practice is "Serving and Sacrificing". The Practice Guide can be found at citizenscharlotte.com/do-what-jesus-did.

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.