

Christ Community Church

Community Group Discussion Guide for Week of October 19, 2025

Announcements

1. **Community Group:** Any specific announcements or things to discuss pertaining to your community group?
2. **Boo Fest at the Blue Ash YMCA:** Join us on Thursday, October 23 from 6 to 8 PM for the Blue Ash YMCA's annual Trunk or Treat. We will be passing out fidgets, candy, invitations to church, and our very own Rachel Hammitt will be playing live music! And if you'd like to participate, let us know!
3. **Next Women's Meetup:** Join us at the home of Heidi Collins in Blue Ash on Thursday, October 24th from 7:30 to 9:00 PM for a bonfire.
4. **Next Spark a Friendship at Catch-a-Fire Pizza:** Join us after the service on the 2nd Sunday of every month for lunch together at Catch-a-Fire in Blue Ash. Next lunch is November 9th.
5. **Next Men's Meetup:** Join us at the Fowling Warehouse in Norwood on Thursday, November 13th from 7:30 to 9:00 PM for some fowling (when football meets bowling).
6. **Eastern Cincinnati Young Life's Gobble Gobble 5K:** Register online to join people from Christ Community Church at 9AM at Swaim Park in Montgomery on Thanksgiving Morning for YL's annual Gobble Gobble 5K. Also, if you are interested in volunteering for this event, email Gordon Anaple at ganaple@sc.younglife.org.

Opening Question – What's one thing you've been thankful for this week, big or small?

Psalm 50

Leader's Note: Open with a brief prayer, asking God to make the group receptive to His Word. Then invite someone to read the passage aloud. (For longer sections, consider dividing the reading among several people.)

A Psalm of Asaph.

[1] The Mighty One, God the LORD,

- speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- [2] Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
- [3] Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.
- [4] He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
- [5] “Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”
- [6] The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!
- [7] “Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.
- [8] Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.
- [9] I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.
- [10] For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.
- [11] I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.
- [12] “If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are mine.
- [13] Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?
- [14] Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
- [15] and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”
- [16] But to the wicked God says:
“What right have you to recite my statutes
or take my covenant on your lips?
- [17] For you hate discipline,
and you cast my words behind you.
- [18] If you see a thief, you are pleased with him,
and you keep company with adulterers.

[19] “You give your mouth free rein for evil,
and your tongue frames deceit.
[20] You sit and speak against your brother;
you slander your own mother’s son.
[21] These things you have done, and I have been silent;
you thought that I was one like yourself.
But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.

[22] “Mark this, then, you who forget God,
lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!
[23] The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;
to one who orders his way rightly
I will show the salvation of God!”

Discussion Questions

1. In verses one to six, God speaks to his people. What stands out to you about the way God is described in these verses?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): Why does it matter that God is a God who speaks rather than remaining silent or distant? What makes it easy – or hard – for you to truly listen to God’s voice in the rhythm of everyday life?*
2. In verses seven to 15, the psalmist contrasts empty ritual with genuine worship. What does God rebuke his people for, and what does this reveal about what God truly desires from his people?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): What are some ways our worship today can drift into routine rather than relationship? In contrast, how might healthy rhythms and routines actually strengthen our relationship with God instead of replacing it?*
3. In verses 14–15, the psalmist highlights gratitude and dependence as marks of true worship. What does it look like to grow a thankful heart that naturally leads to faithful living?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): ☐ What habits or practices help you remember and reflect on God’s goodness throughout the week? What are some things that tend to get in the way of gratitude in your own life? What might it look like for our church community to encourage one another toward deeper thankfulness and dependence on God?*
4. In verses 16 to 22, we read about a strong warning to the hypocrite. How is hypocrisy described in these verses, and why do you think God’s judgement against hypocrisy is so severe?

⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): What are some subtle or everyday ways hypocrisy can find its way into our own lives or habits without us even noticing? What role do confession and repentance play in confronting hypocrisy, and how might genuine repentance begin to reshape the way we relate to others?*

5. Verse 23 speaks of “the salvation of God.” How does this psalm ultimately point us to the gospel, showing that Christ alone is the one who makes true worship and salvation possible?

⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): What encouragement do you find in knowing that God Himself provides the salvation He demands?*

Prayer

Leader’s Note: Wrap up your time by moving into prayer. Begin by inviting group members to share any requests, especially in light of the categories listed below. When someone shares, ask if another person would be willing to pray for that request. Then open the group prayer time by asking someone to start and encourage others to pray as they feel led. When it seems like the time is drawing to a close, finish by thanking God for His Word and for the time you’ve had together.

- In Response to God’s Word: What applications stand out from our discussion and how can we pray for one another in light of what God has shown us from his word?
- For “Heart-Level” Concerns: Because real change begins in the heart, how can we pray for each other at a “heart-level”—where trusting God feels hard or where walking closely with Him is a struggle?
- For Personal Requests: What are some personal needs or situations where you’d like prayer?
- For Kingdom Concerns: What are some things going on in our church and in our community that we can be praying for?
- For Those You are Ministering to Personally: Who are some people that you know who aren’t following Jesus and how can we be praying for them in hopes that they would come to know and grow in Jesus?