

Group Discussion Guide - Week of 12.01.24 to 12.07.24

This guide is designed to help you create space for real connection and conversation with your group. Don't feel any pressure to answer every question each week. Instead, let the Holy Spirit lead you as you lead your group in discovering what God wants to speak to you all.

Loving (30 min)

20 min: Questions for Conversation & Accountability

1. How have you seen God at work in your life over the past week?
2. What is one high or low from the past week?

10 min: Prayer Requests

1. How can we be praying for you this coming week?
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Learning (30 min)

10 min: Reflecting on Sunday's Message

1. What stood out to you, challenged you, or did you have a question about?
2. What did you think or feel when you heard this week's Big Idea:
Christmas is the proof that in Jesus hope is always an option. 'Hope of all the earth Thou art.'

20 min: Reflecting on Scripture

1. Read Isaiah 61:1-3 and Luke 4:16-21.
 - a. What does it mean that Jesus declared these words as being fulfilled?
 - b. How does this fulfillment shape your understanding of who Jesus is and what He came to do?
2. Read Matthew 11:28-30.
 - a. How does Jesus' invitation here reflect the hope described in Isaiah 61?
 - b. What specific burdens in your life do you sense Jesus calling you to lay down as you find rest in Him?
3. Reflect on the Big Idea:
 - a. How does the Good News that "hope is always an option" challenge or encourage you in your current season?
 - b. How can the reality of Jesus' fulfilled promises change the way you view challenges or waiting in your life?

Living (30 min)

As we begin this Advent season, reflect on the areas in your life where you're longing for hope. Where are you waiting for God to move or fulfill a promise? How does Jesus' fulfillment of prophecy encourage you to trust in His timing and faithfulness?

Spend time in prayer, thanking God for the hope we have in Jesus and asking Him to help you see His faithfulness in your life.

This week, look for ways to share the hope of Jesus with others. Who in your life needs to hear that God's promises are true and that hope is alive because of Jesus?