

Questions for eGroup Discussion

The Elephant in the Room

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How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

Group Participants: Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

Group Leaders: Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

Getting Started

As a teenager, what authority figure upset you the most (parent, teacher, pastor, political leader, etc.), and why?

To what extent did you follow through on doing what they expected you to do or embrace their priorities?

Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

Spirit: *Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You and To Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read Luke 19:45-20:19 aloud, having three different people read the following sections: 19:45-48; 20:1-8; 20:9-19.

From these verses as well as from Pastor KJ's message, what stands out to you, intrigues you, inspires you, or creates some tension for you?

How does Luke 19:45-48 reveal God's priorities and posture toward us?

What would lead the religious leaders to ignore these priorities so unapologetically?

In response, why does Jesus say what He does to the religious leaders?

What's the relationship between Jesus' interactions at the temple and what occurs in Luke 20:1-8?

And how does Jesus' parable in 20:9-19 further pertain to this?

What "things" (Luke 20:2) has Jesus been doing to cause such a reaction to His authority?

Embrace the Gospel Continued

What was it about these things that worried the religious leaders so much?

What interests might they be trying to protect from Jesus' probing questions?

Considering this, why do you think Jesus evades their question in verse 8?

How would you summarize in one sentence, the main point Jesus is wanting us to take away from Luke 19:45-20:19?

Application: *What Is God Saying To Us/Me?*

Where might Jesus need to turn over some tables in your life these days -- or what has He recently been cleaning out -- to enable you to experience Him more fully?

Is there anything God is asking you to do, change, or explore further as a result of this week's message and eGroup discussion?

How can your group be praying for you and supporting you in this?

Experience the Spirit

Prayer: Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word

As you pray for one another this week, begin by praying for responses to this week's message and eGroup discussion. Specifically pray that group members will be overwhelmed with the reality of God's pro-active attentiveness to them, and for one another's hearts in experiencing Him more fully.

When you're done, spend time praying for general needs and concerns for one another.

Engage in Mission

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community make a difference by compassionately moving outward toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways. If you're looking for a specific way to do this as a group, perhaps the following opportunity is for you.

United Way of Weld County and Weld's Way Home are opening the Housing Navigation Center this summer. Sponsored by the City of Greeley, this will be a physical location that connects those experiencing homelessness to housing options. It will also prevent those at-risk from losing their housing. But before they can do that, they need to make the space welcoming for the community and effective for their service partners to use as offices.

To do this, they are hosting 3 weekends to get the renovations done at the Housing Navigation Center (2930 11th Ave, Evans). Every dollar they save by using volunteers, they'll be able to direct toward services for community members who need help with their housing. They are looking for people to serve in a variety of capacities at various times on May 18, 19, 25, 26, and June 2, and for the following items to either be loaned or donated: 5 gallon buckets, sponges, hand sanders, sand paper, paint tape, paint trays, paint rollers and handles, paint brushes, and work gloves.

If you're interested in learning more, or to volunteer, contact Cassy Westmoreland at Cassy@unitedway-weld.org or 970-304-6187.



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