

Questions for eGroup Discussion

Experiencing the Fire of Jesus

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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

When it comes to fireplaces or fire pits, are you more a wood-burning or gas kind of a person (or totally indifferent), and why?

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 12:49-13:9 aloud two times, in a couple different Bible versions, if possible.

As you listen/read, what stands out to you from these verses, or stood out to you from this week's message on these verses? What emotional impact do they have on you as you interact with them?

In summary, what do these verses teach us about God, our relationship with Him, and our participation with Him in the spiritual growth process?

What is Jesus talking about when it says He came "to bring fire to the earth?" (verse 49; Acts 2:1-4)

How does this imagery help us better understand His mission, and His vision for the gospel's influence in our life?

What's God's role and what's ours in this truly occurring?

In verses 51-59, Jesus speaks further about the results of Him bringing division.

From Pastor Alan's message this weekend, what does this involve?

What's most deeply on Jesus' heart in speaking these words?

Embrace the Gospel Continued

How can these words actually have a positive impact on our relationship with God, if we let them?

In what ways does continual repentance ignite the fire of the gospel in us (verses 3&5)?

What does it require on our part for this to happen, and why is this often so difficult?

How will we know if the reality of the gospel is being fully experienced in a person's life (verses 6-9)?

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

Read aloud John 15:1-2, 5.

How might you focus your love upon Jesus more wholeheartedly, and live in greater dependence upon Him?

What things might need to be pruned from your life these days for this to transpire?

From this week's message and eGroup discussion, what's one thing you believe the Holy Spirit most wants you to hear and respond to? What's the next step in you following-through on this? How can your eGroup be a part of this journey with you?

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 group members' connectedness to Jesus, and that each person would focus their love upon Jesus more wholeheartedly, and live in greater dependence upon Him.

When you're done, spend time praying for specific needs and concerns for one another this week, as well as your response to any spiritual stirrings that are on your hearts.

Engage in Mission

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community compassionately moves outward toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways. Over the next several weeks we'll be communicating a few different outreach opportunities that you may want to participate in as an eGroup. Below, Rosann Holman who oversees our Kid's Hope program at Maplewood has provided details about the **Maplewood Elementary School Holiday Store**. We assisted with this program last year as well so it might sound familiar.

The **Holiday Store at Maplewood** is set up for students to purchase gifts for their family members. Each day, the students can earn STAR cards through different avenues such as being respectful, honoring country, helping a friend, picking up trash, etc. The kids work hard to make sure they have enough STAR cards to buy gifts for those they love. Maplewood has requested that Christ Community participate again this year by donating new or slightly used items such as nick knacks, Christmas items, clothes, purses, small appliances (coffee makers, toasters, etc.), jewelry (items you would normally send to the ARC); just to name a few items. If you have donations, you can take them directly to the school. They have a room set up for storage until the store opens on December 8th. All items need to be at Maplewood no later than December 7th.

Another way to get involved is to help in the store. The store is scheduled to be open Dec. 8 (Friday), Dec. 11 (Mon.), Dec. 12 (Tues.), Dec. 13 (Wed.), Dec. 14 (Thurs.) and, if needed, Dec. 15 (Fri.). If you're interested in helping in any way or have any questions, connect with Khrin Robb at khrobb@greeleyschools.org. You can also contact Rosann Holman at rosannah@cccgreeley.org.



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