



Community Group Guide

“Remaining Faithful”

Week of July 12

Check-in

1. How are you connecting with your neighbors?
 2. What have you seen God do?
 3. How did the "outside your circle" check-in go? How can you change your habits and patterns in your community to intersect with people outside your circle?
 4. What has God shown or taught you?
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Scripture

Read *Isaiah 40:25-31*

Key Point From Message

Three things this passage teaches us if we are going to remain faithful in dark and difficult times:

- We worship Him
- We wait for Him
- We walk with Him

Other Scripture Referenced: *Psalm 11:3-4; Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20; Hebrews 1:3; Psalm 121; Isaiah 64:6; Lamentations 3:35; Philippians 1:6; Romans 8:18*

Discipleship Group Framework

D-group discussions in smaller gender-specific groups help to reveal our blind spots to sin. If this week is a D-group week, the discussions should be focused on confession of sin, providing accountability, and encouraging each other to live in the gospel. Focus on the questions under the “Discover” section and how this week’s Scripture relates to our lives.

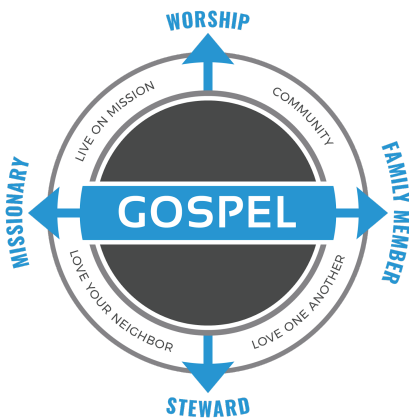


Image Church Core Values

When the gospel defines our lives it should impact everything we do. Living by the gospel should cause us to:

- Grow towards God through daily worship
- Love one another by gathering as family members
- Mobilize as missionaries for God’s kingdom
- Be more generous stewards as we leverage our time, talents, and treasures for Christ.

As we study and discuss the text from this week evaluate how you can grow in each of these four areas.

Discover

1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
2. What does the text say about the character and nature of God?
3. What does the text say about the work of God?
4. What does the text say about our identity?
5. How does this change the way we live?

Deepen

1. What challenged you about this week's message?
2. Do you marvel at what God has done in and for you? Do you spend more time trying to understand your circumstances or worshipping God?
3. Waiting on God means surrendering to His will and serving His desires. How are you actively being obedient to God?
4. Share a story of a difficult time in your life where you continued to be faithfully obedient and walk with God.

Action Step

Are you trying to soar on your own or are you trying to walk with God? Where do you need to focus more on God and less on yourself? Reflect on this and share with your group.

We are currently going through the Love Your Neighbor movement. Think about a current circumstance where you can demonstrate worshipping, waiting for, and walking with God to one of your neighbors.

Missions Focus: South Africa

This month we were planning to take our first international mission trip as a church to South Africa to partner with Julius and Brittany Tennial. The Tennals serve in Johannesburg, where they have been working to form a gospel-centered community. They've done this through neighborhood outreaches, working in partnership with their local church, and getting to know their neighbors and people in their community and inviting them to bible studies. They've recently had their first child and are planning to return to the US in October.

Pray for wisdom for them as they transition and seek next steps, for the ministry to continue and grow, and for the people of Johannesburg to come to know Jesus.

Memory Verse

"I know how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content--whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me."

-Philippians 4:12-13 (CSB)
