

Community Group Guide "Intensity And Consistency" Week of July 26

Check-in

- 1. What did you see God do through LYN?
- 2. What did you learn?
- 3. What has changed in your life?
- 4. Are you continuing to build relationships with your neighbors and community? How?

Scripture

Read Colossians 2:6-7

Key Point From Message

There are three principles Paul lays out for how to walk with Jesus consistently:

- → Rooted and Built up in Him
- \rightarrow Established in the Faith
- → Abounding in Thanksgiving

Other Scripture Referenced: Isaiah 26:3-4; Isaiah 41:10; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Matthew 6:9-13; Romans 8:26; Ephesians 2:1-5

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.

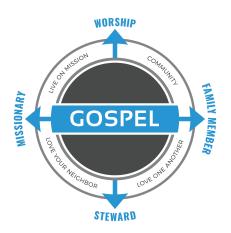


Image Church Core Values

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

- → Grow towards God though 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. What method or routine have you found helps you spend time in the Word?
- 3. The majority of time when you pray do you treat prayer as a dialogue or a monologue?
- 4. What changes do you need to make to your Sabbath so you can see Jesus more clearly?

Action Step

Colossians 2:6-7 encourages us to follow Jesus with intensity and consistency. Many of us have periods of intensely following Jesus but struggle with maintaining the intensity consistently. Evaluate and remind yourself of why you surrendered to Jesus and the grace He has shown us. Discuss with your group which area: reading the Bible, prayer, or keeping the Sabbath you struggle with most so you can hold each other accountable.

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 Tennal. 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)