

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

WELCOME

Narrate why we meet together and go over any important announcements.

Women, sign up for our Advent Event on November 16th at 2rc.org/adventevent

CATCH UP ON LIFE

We catch up on life because we are a family that cares about the ups and downs of one another's lives. Choose 1 question: What were the highs and lows of your week? Where have you seen Jesus at work this week? How are you doing, really? Are there any significant updates in your life? Are there any big decisions to process with the group?

PAUSE

Before officially beginning group time, have someone lead the group through a pause prayer. Take a few deep breaths. Give everything and everyone to God. What do you need to let go of? Open your heart and mind to hear from Him, and ask the Spirit to lead and guide everything that follows.

IMPACT

We have the opportunity to bless children around the world with Christmas presents through Operation Christmas Child! You can grab a box this Sunday at OES and return it filled on 11/8 or 11/15. More details [here](#). Take a moment to pray over this opportunity to bring hope to those who will receive these boxes!

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

We love the Bible. We believe God's Word strengthens, renews, and unites us. That's why we open physical Bibles together. Phones can easily distract us, but there is something meaningful about seeing God's Word with our own eyes, holding it in our hands, and experiencing it together.

Passage to discuss: 1 John 2:12-17

Meditate on the passage for a moment. **What do you see about Jesus?**

Apply it to life. **If this is true, what does it change for us?**

Apply it to impact. **If this is true, how does it inform our mission?**

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SERMON DISCUSSION

We continue to discuss the truths from the sermon because we want to grow in them. As we discuss together, we learn from one another as a family, and the truth goes deeper into our hearts! *Have someone briefly recap the sermon (just a few minutes).* **Why is it important that this challenge to not love the world is rooted in the security of who we are and what we have received in Christ? What are some of the lies the Empire of Scarcity is telling us? Which line in the chart most resonates with you? What are some of the ways you are tempted to love the world or follow its patterns? What does it look like this week to turn away from the world and sow into the love of God that abides? What is the good news of the gospel when we find ourselves falling into the patterns of this world?**

ENGAGE THE HEART

Engage the Heart is a time to put the lies of the enemy into the light.. [John 15:4, 1 John 1:8-9, James 5:16, and 1 John 1:5-10]

- Cast vision for this time.
- Confess sin.
- Prayerfully listen for God to lead.
- Dig deeper by asking questions.
- Give gospel assurance to one another.
- Pray.

What specific desires of the flesh, desires of the eyes, and pride of life do you struggle to chase? What do you believe you need to be happy? What occupies your imagination when your mind has downtime? What is God inviting you to turn away from? How is He inviting you deeper into His love? Is there anything disrupting your union with God? What is the good news of the gospel for what has been confessed?
