

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

CATCHING UP

SUGGESTED TIME: 10-20 MINUTES

Being a caring family means we take time to care for one another by growing in our knowledge of one another! **What about this time of year is good for your soul? What about this time of year is challenging for you?**

PAUSE

SUGGESTED TIME: 1-2 MINUTES

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

SUGGESTED TIME: 10-20 MINUTES

One of our opportunities to make an impact is the children represented in our groups! We take their discipleship to Jesus seriously and want to share the weight of that responsibility with one another! **Where are the children represented in the group spiritually? How can the group come alongside them? How can we pray for them?** *Take time to pray for the children represented.*



SERMON DISCUSSION

SUGGESTED TIME: 20-40 MINUTES

We are transformed when we open God's Word and dive deeply into conversation with one another. Hearing from one another helps us retain what we have learned and be doers of the word, not hearers only. *Have someone read Luke* **What do you see about God through this story?** *Have someone recap the sermon.* **Why are the words "your prayer has been heard" such a comfort for us today? Is there someone or something you have been tempted to give up praying for? How have you ever experienced God forming you through your waiting?**

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ENGAGE THE HEART

SUGGESTED TIME: 20-40 MINUTES

As a church family, we value being known and loved. We fight to be honest with one another because we believe we are transformed as we put our sin into the light. You don't need to explain yourself or make it sound good, we say it ugly, we call sin sin. As we do this, we experience the freedom and healing Jesus came to purchase for us!

[John 15:4, 1 John 1:8-9, James 5:16, and 1 John 1:5-10]

1. Cast vision for this time.
2. Confess sin.
3. ***Prayerfully listen for God to lead.***
4. Dig deeper by asking questions.
5. Give gospel assurance to one another.
6. Pray.

What is that circumstance you have given up praying for? What are you afraid of in letting yourself hope again? What do you sense God wanting to do in your through this? How have you been doing in making an end of that sin tendency we talked about last week? Is there anything we can do to keep you accountable? Is there anything disrupting your union with God? What is the good news of the gospel for what has been confessed?