

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

CATCHING UP

SUGGESTED TIME: 10-20 MINUTES

As brothers and sisters we take time to care about the ups and downs of life! **Are there any significant decisions you're processing? Is there anything you need prayer for?**

IMPACT

SUGGESTED TIME: 10-20 MINUTES

People will know what God is like by the way we love one another. Part of our impact as a church family is the fellowship we have with one another. **Is there someone in your life who is isolated? How can we come around them?**

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.

SERMON DISCUSSION

SUGGESTED TIME: 20-40 MINUTES

As a church family, we want to grow in our understanding of the Bible. We open it together each week to see God in His Word! *Have someone read Ecclesiastes 4:1-12.* **What do we see in these verses? How does our world, our flesh, and the enemy work to isolate us? Is there a particular lie you are tempted to believe that isolates you? What are some of the broken ways we relate to one another? How have you experienced someone picking you up when you were walking through a hard season? Why is our fellowship with one another essential to following Jesus?**

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ENGAGE THE HEART

SUGGESTED TIME: 20-40 MINUTES

Jesus is the truest friend. He steps into our brokenness and brings us comfort and freedom! Through our fellowship with Him, we can have deep fellowship with one another. His perfect love casts out our fear. We no longer need to fear what others think of us; we are free to be fully known and fully loved by God and by one another. Engage the Heart is a time to practice experiencing this truth tangibly.

[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.

How is your friendship with Jesus? Where do you see envy in your heart toward others? What is an aspect of your life that you're tempted to isolate from others? Is there a lie you believe or an insecurity you have that keeps you from being fully known? Is there a past hurt that you are still struggling with? Is there anything disrupting your union with God? What is the good news of the gospel for what has been confessed?