LIFE GROUP GUIDE

CATCHING UP

SUGGESTED TIME: 10-20 MINUTES

We are a church that values being family! One way we continue growing as a family is by caring for one another. The good, the bad, and everything in between. What has been good about your week? What has been difficult about your week?

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

We are on a mission to bring hope and light everywhere we go! Where have you sensed God wanting you to bring hope? Take time to pray for those people/places.



SERMON DISCUSSION

SUGGESTED TIME: 20-40 MINUTES

We grow more in love with Jesus as we see Him in Scripture. This is one reason we take time to open our Bibles and discuss truth together. We are being transformed together by this simple practice! Have someone read John 1:1-14. What do we see about who God is in these verses? Have someone recap the stories shared. What story struck you on Sunday? Have you ever experienced something similar? Share your experience of being in a dark place but seeing hope/light! Is there a particular group of people or cause that most people tend to avoid, but you feel drawn to? What dark places do you sense God wanting to send you further into? What truth from the stories shared encouraged you?

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ENGAGE THE HEART

SUGGESTED TIME: 20-40 MINUTES

The light of the glory of Christ has shown into our hearts. The darkness of our sin cannot overcome the light of the gospel. Despite our broken ways, our struggles, and the lies we believe - Jesus has already overcome. He has gone to the darkest, dirtiest parts of our hearts and has covered it in His righteousness! We are no longer defined by or stuck in our sin. We are His! We are free to walk in the light and confess our sins to one another, knowing we have been fully forgiven.

[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.

Is there anything disrupting your union with God? How has the Spirit been guiding you this week? What tends to get in the way of you hearing Him? Where do you think the Spirit wants to use you to bring hope/light? What lie do you believe that may hold you back from going there? What is the good news of the gospel for what has been confessed?