

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

WELCOME

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

CATCH UP ON LIFE

We catch up on life because we are a family who cares about the ups and downs of one another's lives. Choose 1 question: What were the highs and lows of your summer? 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

Our Father sent Jesus to earth on a mission to make an impact; in the same way, Jesus sends us out on a mission to do the same. We do this by opening our homes, discipling people to follow Jesus, sharing the hope of the gospel, and more. **Who is one person you want to engage in conversation with this week in hopes of turning the conversation towards Jesus?** *[If someone in your group was on the Mexico trip, please invite them to share!]*

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: Deuteronomy 7:6-8 & 10:14-15

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

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 discussing the truths from the sermon because we are forgetful people. 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).* **What is unique about the kind of love God has for us? How is this love different than our world's definition of love? What are some of the things we are tempted to do to make ourselves more worthy of this love? Where do we try to find security/worth outside of this love? What practices help you remember who has chosen you and tethered Himself to you? How can we show this type of love to one another?**

ENGAGE THE HEART

Because of this love that God has given us, we are free to be brutally honest about our sin. He didn't set His heart on us because we are good, but because HE is good! As we follow Him, He empowers us to walk more and more in His ways. As we walk in the light of honest confession, He faithfully heals us and gives us fellowship with one another. [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.

Are you tempted to try to earn God's love or make yourself more worthy of it? What does this look like for you? Are there any ways that God has freed you from finding your worth outside of him? What do you attempt to tether yourself to for security or value? What would it look like to repent and walk away from that? Is there anything disrupting your union with God? What is the good news of the gospel for what has been confessed?
