

GROUP GUIDE

Week 1

Arrival, Connecting, and Snack Together: (15 Minutes)

Spend the first 15 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing with each other.

Short Opening Prayer for Your Time Together: (2 Minutes)

Video: Watch the group video together.

You have about 60 minutes to discuss this week's lesson. Pace your group. Move fairly quickly through the observation and reflection sections so that you have margin for discussion and surrender. Be sure to take 10 minutes to pray together at the end of your group.

Have someone read each of the following verses, slowly enough for everyone to enjoy, then take a few moments to quietly reflect. Re-read each passage as you move through and discuss the questions.

- 2 Corinthians 4:4
- 2 Corinthians 5:17

Observation:

1. How does 2 Corinthians 4:4 describe the mind of an unbeliever?
2. How does 2 Corinthians 5:17 identify those who are in Christ?

Reflection:

3. What are some common ways that you see unbelievers living out the blindness described in 2 Corinthians 4:4?
4. What are some of the greatest differences you have witnessed between your life before Christ and life in Christ?

Discussion:

5. Share your story of becoming a new creation. How did the Holy Spirit draw you to saving faith in Jesus Christ?
6. When you think of the contrast between the blindness of unbelievers and the light of the gospel experienced by those in Christ, who specifically are you most burdened for?

Surrender:

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through today's study and discussion?
8. What are you willing to ask God to help you change in light of what you've learned?

Closing Prayer:

Pray for each other in light of what was shared today.