

Community Group Discussion Guide

Step 01: Recap what our current series is all about.

Note: Remind the group what series we're currently on (since not everyone will have been at church recently) and read through the series description provided below to refresh everyone on what it's all about.

Series Title: Long Story Short

Description: We believe the Bible is a unified story that leads to Jesus. This series walks us through the Bible from Genesis to Jesus, stopping at various points along the way show us how the Old Testament is a story in search of an ending—and ultimately that Jesus is that ending. Throughout the series we'll be reminded of the love of God and His faithfulness to His promise to bring salvation to us so that we can belong to Him and He can belong to us.

Step 02: Recap of previous week's message.

Note: Read through the message outline with everyone briefly. You can stop and make comments as you see fit or read straight through it. Make sure you take time to read through the main text.

Message Title: The Spirit

Main Text: Matthew 27:50-51

Supporting Texts: Hebrews 10:15-20, Romans 8:11,
Galatians 5:22-23

Message Outline:

Question #1: What is the effect of the curtain being torn?

Main Point: We have become the very thing we had no access to.

Question #2: How can we cultivate our relationship with God's Spirit?

Application: Meditate on God's Word

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Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:1-3, Isaiah 26:3, Phil. 4:8, Col.

3:2, 1 Tim. 4:5

Step 03: Lead group discussion.

Note: Do your best to keep the discussion going. Make sure you have read through the questions beforehand and are primed with thoughts of your own. Make everyone get specific with *how* they will apply this message in their own lives and in community—*no vague ideas allowed!*

Specific to this week's message:

1. Why does it matter so much that God's Spirit now lives within Christians? How does this help us?
2. How does meditating on God's Word help us in our everyday lives?

General questions:

1. How did this message encourage you? How did it convict you?
2. What is your plan for applying this message to your personal/daily life?
3. What might it look like for us to live this out in community?
4. Was there anything about this message that stood out to you?