

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: Christmas at Parkside

Description: When the angel announced to the Shepherd's that the Savior had been born in Bethlehem they were not just making an announcement. There were offering an invitation to experience Jesus. That invitation still stands for the followers of Jesus. In this series, we will explore different seasons of our lives and be invited to behold Jesus in the midst of them.

Step 02: Recap of this 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: It's All Spiritual

Main Text: Luke 2:8-20

Supporting Texts: Luke 8:42-48

Message Outline:

Point 1: We are all desperate to be well

— Discipline is about priorities, desperation is about posture.

Point 2: Jesus is desperate for us to be whole

— We're not saved based on what we hear, but on what we behold.

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

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will apply this message in their own lives and in community—*no vague ideas allowed!*

Specific to this week's message:

1. Why do we need desperation for Jesus and not just discipline?
2. What's the significance of Jesus making the woman whole, and not just well?

General questions:

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