

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: Live On Mission

Description: The Church has never been about collecting Christians that simply agree with Jesus' teachings. We are supposed to be a force for good; for justice; for love. There are things Jesus commanded and commissioned us to do and he expects us to do them! We want to be a church that is intentionally living on mission.

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: The Table

Main Text: Matthew 11:19

Supporting Texts:

Message Outline:

1. Make Space for the Gospel

Before Jesus tried to get people to understand His value, He showed them theirs—by sharing a meal with them. “Jesus saved people one meal at a time.” —John Mark Comer

2. Make Friends and Give God Away

Jesus showed us how to prepare people for the message of who He is by offering friendship at the table. We can do the same!

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“To possess God we must give Him away.” —Frank Laubach

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 was sharing a meal so significant in Jesus’ day?
2. Why did Jesus allow people to encounter Him before dealing with their sin? What might it look like for us to do this in our own lives?

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?