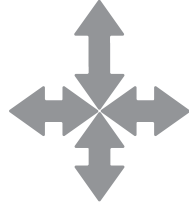




GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of December 23rd

This study is designed to help your community group grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. There are three dimensions to following Jesus.



UP: growing in relationship with God

IN: growing in relationship with other followers of Jesus

OUT: growing in relationship with the world around us as we join God in God's mission

Get Started:

Describe one of your favorite Christmas memories.



UP: Connect with God through Spending Time in His Word

Read aloud the passage for the week: Luke 1:11-25. Allow a few moments to silently reflect on what you heard. Underline or note any words or phrases that seem meaningful.

1. What does this passage reveal about God's character?
2. What does this passage indicate about God's redemptive plan?
3. Re-read verse 14. The birth of a child is a cause for communal celebration. Describe a time in your life when you experienced joy as part of a community.
4. Zechariah was unable to speak until John's birth, and Elizabeth spent five months in seclusion. They were unable to share their joy with others. What keeps you from sharing the joy you have in the Lord with others?



Out: : Connect with the World Around Us (Join God in His Mission)

How could you share the joy of the Lord with others in the coming week?



IN: Connect with Each Other

It's Christmas! Consider hosting a Christmas party for friends or family to celebrate the birth of Jesus with food, games, singing, etc.!