



GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of January 6th

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:

Did you make any "New Year's Resolutions?" If yes, how are they going? If not, why not?



UP: Connect with God through Spending Time in His Word

Read aloud the passages for the week: Isaiah 12:1-6. Allow a few moments to silently reflect on what you heard. Underline or note words or phrases that seem meaningful.

1. The passage identifies a few works of the Lord which are evidence of God's faithfulness and are cause for celebration. What are some other examples of God's faithfulness throughout the Bible which are cause for praise?
2. What has God done in your own life which deserves celebration?
3. Re-read verse 2. Our world is filled with pain and struggle. How does God provide strength and defense in the midst of the challenges of our world?
4. This passage follows a prophecy about the future reign of Jesus. It is because of Jesus that we have hope and are filled with joy. How has the good news of Jesus Christ given you hope in your life?
5. At times it can be hard to believe this good news. In what ways do you continue to rebel against this hope in your own life?



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

Verse four says, " *4In that day you will say: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted."*

The hope we have in Christ should cause us to overflow with joy and proclaim the good news to those around us.

How does this happen in your life? How do you participate in proclaiming the Lord's name?



IN: Connect with Each Other

Share prayer requests within your group. Are there any reasons for celebration right now? Where do you need God to provide strength and defense?