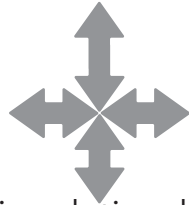




GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of October 6th

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:

What sorts of qualities do you want to be known for? When people describe you to their friends, what would you like them to say about you?



UP: Connect with God through Spending Time in His Word

Read aloud the passage for the week: Isaiah 58:1-14. Allow a few moments to silently reflect on what you heard. Underline or note words or phrases that seem meaningful. Pray for your study of God's Word.

1. This is a challenging passage. God is calling out his people in the first half of the text. What are some of the grievances against the people that you see in verses 1-7?
2. Which of these could be applied to the United States, to the American church, to the church in Colorado Springs?
3. Where do you see injustice in the world? In our nation? In our city?
4. Reread verses 9b-10. What is God calling the people to? When have you seen the church participate in these sorts of things?
5. Reread verses 11-14. What images are the most encouraging or attractive to you? When have you experienced this?
6. In what ways might this passage challenge you to think differently about what it means to be human?



IN: Connect with Each Other

Take a few minutes to discuss which instances of injustice in the world weigh most heavily on your group members. What breaks their hearts?



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

Once again, close your time by praying for these things. Pray that God would move in our city, nation, and world. *(Either have one person close by praying for all of this, or leave space for people to lift up individual concerns.)*