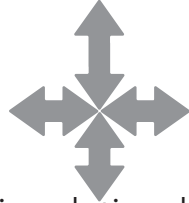




GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of October 13th

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 was one of the best concerts you have ever been to? What made it so great?



UP: Connect with God through Spending Time in His Word

Read aloud the passage for the week: Luke 19:1-10. 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. Zacchaeus was disliked in his community. Tax collectors regularly cheated people out of their money and Zacchaeus oversaw this whole operation in Jericho. Who holds a similar place in our society? What sorts of people are disliked, avoided, or isolated?
2. Why do you think Jesus was willing to talk with Zacchaeus?
3. Reread 1-4. Have you ever had difficulty seeing Jesus? What gets in the way of this?
4. Reread 5-6. Where did Jesus find you? How was he able to get your attention?
5. In what ways might this passage challenge you to think differently about what it means to be human?
6. Reread verse 10. Jesus identifies his mission here. What do you think about the idea of seeking and saving the lost? How does this relate to your own experience with Jesus?



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

Think of a person in your life who would fit into Jesus' category of "lost". Take time to pray for this person as you close your group time.



IN: Connect with Each Other

Split into groups of 2-3 to share additional prayer requests. Close your time by taking a few minutes to pray for one another in these smaller groups.