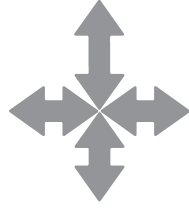




GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of October 20th

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 someone who functioned as a mentor for you in your youth. What made them take notice of you?



UP: Connect with God through Spending Time in His Word

Read aloud the passage for the week: Luke 16:19-31. 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. Why do you think the "rich man" failed to take notice of Lazarus?
2. How can wealth desensitize us to the needs of others?
3. Reread verse 31. Jesus is hinting at his death and resurrection which will be described in the coming chapters of Luke. Why do you think he includes this in this parable?
4. In what ways might this passage challenge you to think differently about what it means to be human?



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

Consider whether you interact with someone like Lazarus in your daily life. How might you respond differently to them in the week ahead?



IN: Connect with Each Other

PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AS A GUIDE TO EVALUATE YOUR GROUP.

Please reach out to Ina (imeyer@firstprescos.org) and Greg (ghartnett@firstprescos.org) to let them know what the plan is for your group.

Our Fall Life Group campaign is ending with the Humanize me series next week. Take a few minutes to discuss:

1. How has this group been meaningful for you this fall?
2. How has this group helped you grow as a disciple throughout the fall?
3. Would it be valuable for the group to keep meeting?

- If "yes", will you continue? Do you need to adapt your time/frequency/meeting place/etc.?
Do you need to take some time off?

- If "no", why not? What could have made this a more meaningful experience?

Leader, please jot down some notes during this conversation and send your feedback to ghartnett@firstprescos.org or imeyer@firstprescos.org so we can hear about your group's experience. Thank you!