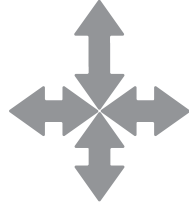




## GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of January 12th

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:

When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?



**UP: Connect with God through Spending Time in His Word**

Read aloud the passage for the week: Genesis 1:26-31. Allow a few moments to silently reflect on what you heard. Underline or note any words or phrases that seem meaningful.

1. Reread verse 26. What does it mean to "rule over"? Describe examples of good "rulers" and bad "rulers", either from history, books, or movies.
2. Reread verse 27. What do you think it means to be created in the image of God?
3. Reread verse 28. God's first interaction with humanity is to give them a specific mandate. How does this compare to how our world typically talks about the purpose of human life?
4. Reread verse 29-30. What can we learn about how humanity is supposed to interact with creation from these verses? What does it look like to be responsible with the things God has entrusted to our care?
5. How does this passage help you consider how your work and faith interact?



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

Name a place that God has called you to join in His mission. Is it your workplace? Your home? Etc.



### **IN: Connect with Each Other**

Take some time to pray for one another. Pray that God would equip each person in the group to live fully into the calling that God has for them.