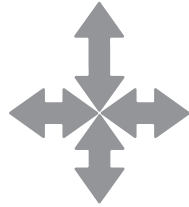




## GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of March 24th

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:

- 1) If your group is meeting for the first time, take time to introduce yourselves around the circle. What is your name, job, etc. What are you hoping to get out of these next few weeks?
- 2) If your group is continuing: Who in your life do you consider to be a great example of humility? What is it that makes them humble?



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

1. Read Psalm 8 aloud as a group. What reasons does the psalmist, David, give for why the Lord's name is majestic?
2. What would you add to this list?
3. Read Hebrews 2:9-17 (perhaps twice as it is complex). What connections do you see between Psalm 8 and this passage?
4. Reread verse 9. Jesus came to be a substitute for humanity. He died so that we could have life. How does this passage inform our understanding of what Christ accomplished on the cross?
5. Reread verse 17. The author of Hebrews explains that God became fully human in order to free us from the snares of the devil. How does this serve as an encouragement for us in the coming week?
6. This is a highly theological passage, but what practical implications do you see for us today?



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

If tonight is your first gathering as a group, discuss how you can best support one another in the spaces God currently has you. (Maybe commit to pray for each other's witness in your workplace, etc.)

If you are a continuing group: When would it make sense to talk about this passage with someone who is not a Christian?



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

One of the primary aspects of a Life Group is taking time to pray meaningfully for each other. Take time to break off into smaller groups (2-3s) to share prayer requests and to pray for one another. Commit to checking in with that person sometime in the coming week.