



## GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of June 17th

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 the most life-giving part of your week? What drained you?



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

Read aloud the passage for the week: Ephesians 2:1-10 . 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. What is Paul telling us about God? What do we learn about God and His character in these verses?
2. What does Paul want us to see and acknowledge about what we were like before we met Christ?
3. According to this passage, what has motivated God to bring us back to life, to save us? Does it make a difference to you what it is that motivates God? Explain your response.
4. Throughout Scripture God has emphasized that we should see ourselves as a part of His family. How does Paul encourage the Ephesians to move from "me" to "we" in this passage?
5. In your experience, what is the best part of community?
6. In your experience, what is the hardest part of community?



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

Who has God placed in your life who needs to be brought into God's community? This may be a person who currently identifies themselves as being outside the family of faith, or it may be a person of faith who is trying to live life on his or her own. Does this person have an awareness of their need for community? What are the openings that God is creating in their life for His family? Begin praying for them.



**IN: Connect with Each Other**

Spend some time praying for each other. Pray, too, for the growth of God's people as a family.