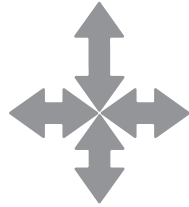




GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of July 8th

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:

If you could have any super power what would it be and why?



UP: Connect with God through Spending Time in His Word

Read aloud the passage for the week: Ephesians 3:14-21. 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. Looking back over the first couple chapters of Ephesians, for what reason is Paul moved to pray for the Ephesians? "For this reason..." (verse 14)
2. According to this passage, what does God's power bring about in our lives? What difference does this make?
3. Re-read verses 17 and 18. What does it mean to be rooted and established in love? Who do you know that models this? What do you notice about their life?
4. Re-read verse 19. In your own words, what is this verse saying?
5. What encouragement does verse 20 bring? Where in your life right now do you need this encouragement?
6. Paul is moved to pray for the Ephesians. What moves you to pray?



IN: Connect with Each Other

Use Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3 to pray for each other. Pray as a large group and then pray that passage over each other in the coming week.



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

How can you bless those around you this month? Brainstorm some possible ideas and pick one to do as a group.