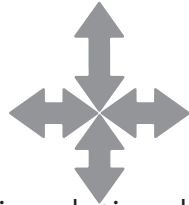




GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of September 8th

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 your group is meeting for the first time, has new members, or is just kicking back off after a break this summer, take time to introduce yourselves around the circle. What is your name, etc. What are you hoping to get out of these next 8 weeks?
- ❖ If your group has been meeting for a few weeks: When you were growing up, who was the most "creative" person in your family? What form did that creativity take?



UP: Connect with God through Spending Time in His Word

Read aloud the passage for the week: Jeremiah 18:1-11. 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. Reread verses 1-2. Jeremiah hears from God and is instructed to head to the Potter's house to receive God's message. Where does God speak to you most clearly? When are you most likely to hear from God?
2. This passage shows God as one who creates and forms. We have been formed in the image of God which, in part, means that we are also to create (also see Genesis 1:27-28). Describe a time when you've been inspired by something a person created. In what ways did this reflect God's character?
3. How are you already living into this mandate to create? Or, how might you live into this creative mandate to reflect God to those around you?
4. The second half of this passage serves as a call for Israel to repent and return to God. While these verses sound harsh, in what ways might they reveal God's love for his people?
5. In what ways might this passage challenge you to think differently about what it means to be human?



IN: Connect with Each Other

Being in a Life Group involves "praying meaningfully for one another". Share any prayer requests from within the group. Assign one person in the group to pray for all these things.



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

City Serve is coming up October 5th. This event provides a fantastic opportunity to join in the humanizing work of Jesus in our city. Take time as a group to discuss whether some of you (or all of you!) will register for a service site together. More information can be found at <http://firstprescos.org/cityserve>. If you've already had this conversation, take a few minutes to pray for City Serve. Pray that final details will come together, pray for the churches that will be involved, pray for the people at the various service sites, and pray that this expression of the unity of the Church would inspire our city to investigate Jesus.