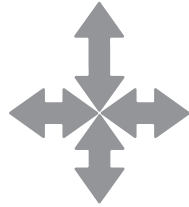




GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of February 18

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

GETTING STARTED (if you are a new Life Group, start your study here):

How long have you been part of First Pres?

What excites you the most about being in a Life Group?



IN: Connect With Each Other

What is one trait, skill or characteristic you have that people say you got from one of your parents?



UP: Connect With God Through Spending Time in His Word

Read together our passage for the week, Hebrews 1:1-12. Allow a few moments to silently reflect on what you heard. Read it one more time together. Pray for your study of God's Word.

1. What do you notice about our passage? What questions do you have after reading the passage?
2. According to the author of Hebrews, how does God reveal Himself? What does this revelation tell you about God?
3. In our passage, how is Jesus described?
4. In describing Jesus, what point is the author of Hebrews trying to emphasize? Why is this significant?
5. Someone might say to you, "God is just a human projection. We made God." How would you respond? How would you use Hebrews 1 to add detail to your response?
6. If God is there—if God is real and speaking to us—what response is required on our behalf regarding Jesus, His kingdom and His teachings?

Going Deeper:

7. What is a word, phrase or thought from today's passage or from our time together that God seems to be impressing as significant for you? How does it speak to a current situation in your life? How is God inviting you to respond?



OUT: Connect With the World Around Us (Join God in His Mission)

Throughout our sermon series, we will look at questions to ask a skeptic or non-believer as a conversation starter. We raise these questions not to start an argument, but to provoke meaningful conversation.

Have you ever been in a conversation where the other person was just trying to win an argument? What was that experience like?

What does it mean to share our hope in Christ with gentleness and respect?