



GUIDE FOR GROUP STUDY: the week of March 11

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):

Growing up, what was your view of the church? How has your attitude about church changed over the years?



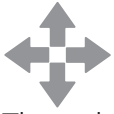
UP: Connect With God Through Spending Time in His Word

Read together our passage for the week, Hebrews 10:19-25. 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. In your own words, why do we have confidence to enter God's holy presence? Can you remember when you first grasped this confidence for yourself? How did it impact your approach to God?
3. Re-read verses 21 and 22. What does it mean to draw near to God? How do we do that together as a church?
4. How do we spur one another on to love and good deeds? Can you think of a time when someone enabled you to live this way? How can we do that as a Life Group?
5. When are you tempted to give up meeting together?

Going Deeper:

6. What is a word, phrase or thought from today's passage or from our time together that God seems to be lifting up 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 spur meaningful conversation.

Imagine you were to walk down Tejon Street and ask folks this question: *What would the world be like without the church?* What responses do you think you would get?

Who in your circle of influence could you ask the following question: What would the world be like without the church? Share with your Life Group next week.



IN: Connect With Each Other

Break into groups of 2 or 3. Take about 3-4 minutes and share how you became a Christian (or where you are in the journey).