



WEEK OF May 21 - May 27 / GROUP TIME GUIDE

This guide is given to aide in the facilitation of leading your small group. It is only an aid for you to experience Christ together.

ABIDE: BIG PICTURE TOGETHER

Start with Purpose – It’s always important to hear from God’s Word why we are doing what we are doing! **Have someone read aloud, Ephesians 2:19-22**

Discuss these questions in your group: Why do we need one another to fulfill this scripture? How does small group fit into this passage? What’s the point of us doing life together?

ABIDE: LISTEN TOGETHER

This time of listening to God together is vitally important as the Body of Christ. Let this time lead you into praying together and allowing Jesus to speak to you as a group.

- If you want, sing a song together either with an iPod or with somebody leading from the group.
- This may be a time to simply gaze upon God individually too for a moment and waiting for Him to bring to mind things that need to be said to each other.
- Spend a few moments listening to God through scripture by allowing the Word to speak to and through your group. Feel free to ask group members to use scriptures to encourage another. Nothing is more powerful than using God’s Truth to encourage and edify another. God uses His Word through His Body to build up the Body.

CONNECT: LOVE TOGETHER

Use this time to catch up with everyone and ask if there are any prayer requests or matters needing attention. It can be uncomfortable for people to share about themselves and many will want to hear from others, don’t let them ignore their personal needs! This is a time for Jesus to shepherd your group through the group. This is one of the few times during the week where our church can accomplish the “one another” lifestyle. Make sure to try and see if there has been any progress in recent requests, praise is equally as important as prayers

“...be kind to one another” —Ephesians 4:32

After you’ve prayed, let them know that our group meets all the time. Continue this week to show love by meeting needs. We all are called to pastor the church.

CONNECT: TEACH TOGETHER

Ask someone in the group (or a few people) to read **Ephesians 3:20-21** out loud and then answer and discuss the following together:

1. **This past Sunday we wrapped up our four-week series on, “NEXT.” As we close out this mini journey through what we believe God has called us to as a fellowship – how has God spoken to you? In what ways, if any, have you been affected by the beginning of this spiritual journey?**
2. Pastor Vance gave us three reminders about what God is doing at hope as we take this step of faith. The first of these reminders was, “It’s what He’s doing.” From this reminder he broke apart Ephesians 3:20 into five separate parts.
 - a. **What about Ephesians 3:20 stuck out to you the most? Why?**
 - b. **How can this truth encourage us, not only through this NEXT campaign, but for our every-day lives?**
3. Secondly, Pastor Vance shared the reminder, “It’s what He’s doing through us.” From this point, he explained that God will be the one accomplishing the goals we set out – but it will simultaneously be accomplished *through* us.
 - a. **What does it mean that God is doing this through us?**
 - b. **What does that look like practically?**
4. Finally, Pastor Vance shared with us the final reminder, “What He does through us is not just about us, it’s bigger than us.” Have someone read v.21 again and discuss:
 - a. **What is the glory of God?**
 - b. **Why is this the aim of what we do?**
5. Take this time to pray for the next chapter of our fellowship’s life,
 - a. **That we would see massive movement in Las Vegas through the foster care system, sexual exploitation industry, and the educational system.**
 - b. **That we would see a church-planting movement up and down the West coast of the United States that would birth 300 churches over the next 10-15 years; which would in turn, multiple and reach 1% of the West (750,000 people).**
 - c. **That we would send 50 missionary units across the globe and develop partnerships/church plants on every inhabitable continent.**
 - d. **And finally, that what we set out to do over these next 10-15 years would have generational impact for those to come after us.**