



### WEEK OF June 11 - June 17 / GROUP TIME GUIDE

This guide is given to aide in the facilitation of leading your small group. It is only an aide 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, Acts 2:42-47**

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

*"...clothe yourselves with humility toward one another" — 1 Peter 5:5*

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 **Acts 7:55-8:4** out loud and then answer and discuss the following together:

1. This past Sunday we had the honor have having, J.D. Greear, preach on the importance of missions by the way of this brand new, "Global Cities" initiative. One of the opening lessons he taught was that we are all called to missions, the moment we accepted Jesus we accepted Matthew 4:19, *"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."* He stated, *"You don't need a voice to engage in the Great Commission; you have a verse. We tell our students, 'Whatever you do well, do it well to the glory of God; and you do it somewhere strategic for the mission of God.'"*
  - a. **Why is it that we believe mission work to be a special assignment given to a few select believers?**
  - b. **What do you think of the statement, "whatever you do well, do it well to the glory of God; and do it somewhere strategic for the mission of God." How do you think that applies to you?**
2. Pastor Greear taught on four convictions of those who transform the world. The first of those being, *"God intends to use me."* Stephen didn't let his low position or lack of theological education stop him from accomplishing the mission, he did what he could with excellence. He lived out Proverbs 22:29 which says, *"Do you see a man skillful in his work? They will serve before kings."*
  - a. **Do you perform whatever job you have with excellence believing that God intends to use you?**
  - b. **How could God use you in your job today?**
3. Secondly, Pastor Greear taught, *"The Holy Spirit fills me."* Have someone read John 16:7. Us having the Holy Spirit in us makes everything a matter of not *ability* but *availability*. He shared, *"God can accomplish more through one believer cooperating with the Holy Spirit than with the most dazzling array of talent assembled anywhere in the world."*
  - a. **How can we be more Spirit-led in our day-to-day lives?**
  - b. **What's the balance we must hold with being Spirit-led and not simply living recklessly?**
4. Thirdly, Pastor Greear taught, *"I owe the gospel to others."* He shared a powerful quote by David Platt, *"Every saved person this side of heaven owes the gospel to every unsaved person this side of hell."*
  - a. **What does it mean that we owe the gospel to others?**
  - b. **Who in your area of influence have you never shared the gospel with?**
5. Finally, Pastor Greear taught, *"Jesus is worth it."* This point was all about the cost of sharing the gospel. No one has come to know Christ and has shared his good news without losing something along the way.
  - a. **Is there something you are afraid of losing that has kept you from sharing the gospel?**
  - b. **How can we overcome our fears of loss, shame, alienation, or persecution in order to successfully share our faith?**

## **SHARE: MOBILIZE TOGETHER**

1. Thank God for the ability to share in his mission and to be empowered by his Holy Spirit.
2. Pray for boldness for one another. That God would fill you all with courage and boldness to share your faith no matter the cost.
3. Ask God to show you what his next step is for each and every one of you. Perhaps someone is being called to one of these Global Cities!

