

DEEP DIVE

WEEK OF August 5 – August 11 / 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.**

Prayer: Begin your time in group together by inviting God to be with you. Ask Him to change you as you seek Him and study His Word together. Ask him to use everyone in the group to encourage, challenge, and teach one another.

Bible Study:

1. This week we closed out our series “DEEP DIVE” with Pastor Tom teaching Psalm 145:18-21. From this passage we learned that, “God is Ready!” Specifically, God is ready to be near.
 - a. **What does it mean that God is near?**
 - b. **How do we experience God being near to us? What must we first do?**
 - c. **Why is it important that we call on God? What prevents people from calling on Him?**
2. Pastor Tom taught that those who would call on God must call on Him “in truth.” This word denoted a sense of faithfulness and consistency in our communication with the Father.
 - a. **What does it mean to call on God “in truth”?**
 - b. **How often are we to call on Him? Why should we?**
3. We also learned that God is ready not only to be near, but also to fulfill, hear, and save.
 - a. **What does it mean that God is ready to fulfill the desire of those who would fear Him? Does this mean he will give us everything we want?**
 - b. **God doesn’t sleep nor slumber, how does that apply to Him hearing us when we cry out to him?**
 - c. **God also promises to save us. Pastor Tom gave two examples of God saving us, what were they?**
4. Finally, we looked at what it meant for God to keep us. The word “keep” means to watch, protect, or preserve.
 - a. **How does God “keep” us?**
 - b. **How does His love for us play into his keeping of us? What’s our response to this love?**

DON'T FORGET! We are memorizing the entire 145th Psalm. Spend this week memorizing verse v. 18-21 as a small group as well as in your God Time daily. We'll see how you do next Sunday!

