

Community Group Leader's Guide

Week of September 11

Matthew 22:1-14

Today's big idea: There is another way.

Many times with our work/career things go another way than we might have hoped or expected. This is just a fun way to illustrate the big idea.

- Share with each other what kind of work you do and/or have done.
- Now go around again and share what you wanted to do or what you dreamed of doing as a kid.
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together and practice examples of what NOT to do with each guideline.

Bible Study

Take time to practice Bible Storytelling. This is a really powerful technique! Take note of how much attention the group gives to the negative reactions of the king as opposed to the choices of the people in the story.

- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.
- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the parable of the Great Feast as found in Matthew 22:1-14.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from the Bible.
- What surprised you in this story both good and bad?
- Think about all the people the king invited. How did the king present them with another way and how did they respond?
- Who do you most relate with in the story and why?

As You Go

Again, with anything that is of a more personal nature you will probably need to go first as a leader. Remember, your group will only be as transparent and vulnerable as you are. If you hold back they will too. Lean into the relational environment.

- Talk about a time in which you were going one way and then God showed you another way in Christ.
- What is God challenging you to do in light of this story?
- Pray for each other and for opportunities to share what God is teaching you today. Pray also for the people you will invite to RESET Sunday on September 18th. (Find more info at hfcog.org/RESET.)

RESET Sunday is a time in which we will focus on invited those who aren't part of the church to join HFC as we look at how we can get our lives back on track. Similar to Back to Church Sunday, the staff will focus a great deal of attention toward new people on September 18th and the two weeks following. Please help encourage your group to invite others both to worship and to your Community Group!!!



Community Group Covenants hfcog.org

Community Group Member Covenant

- I will make attendance a priority in my schedule and involvement a priority in my participation.
- I will build trust by holding in confidence those things shared in the Community Group.
- I will engage with a disciple maker—someone that will help me grow as a disciple of Jesus and teach me how to be a disciple maker as well.

Community Group Apprentice Covenant

- I will pray for the Community Group Members daily.
- I will accept the responsibility to invite and welcome others into the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple someone in the Community Group beyond group meetings focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, and others they are discipling.
- I will seek to multiply the Community Group and not just grow the group.
- I will talk with my Community Group Leader each week and meet monthly beyond group meetings.

Community Group Leader Covenant

- I will pray for the Community Group Members daily.
- I will accept the responsibility to invite and welcome others into the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple someone in or out of the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple an apprentice focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, leadership skills they are developing in the group meeting and others they are discipling.
- I will seek to multiply the Community Group and not just grow the group.
- I will talk with my Community Group Coach each week and meet monthly.

Community Group Coach Covenant

- I will pray for my assigned Community Group Leaders daily.
- I will relationally disciple someone.
- I will call my assigned Community Group Leaders each week focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, process group time and their progress with their apprentice.
- I will meet with my assigned Community Group Leaders each month.
- I will talk with my Community Group Pastor every other week and meet together each month.