

Community Group

Week of October 9

Jeremiah 1:1-9

Today's big idea: God knows you.

- List out the Community Group Guidelines as a group.
- Put a bucket or bowl in the middle of the room and give everyone a handful of candy or other small items. Go around the group and say something about yourself while throwing a piece of candy in the bucket. If anyone else has experienced that same thing they would also throw a piece of candy in the bucket. [See Leader's Guide for more directions.]

Bible Study

- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.
- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Jeremiah's call.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Jeremiah 1:1-9 in the Bible.
- Which part of the story captured your attention most and why?
- What are the pros and cons on Jeremiah being known by God?
- How does this story apply just to Jeremiah and how does this apply to anyone who would follow God?

As We Go

- What has God appointed you to do? You may not have all the details worked out but how is he drawing you to impact his kingdom?
- When you look at yourself what do you see that appears to disqualify you from the appointment of God on your life?
- What are steps you can take to walk in obedience with God in the call he has for your life?

Upcoming Events – see newsletter for all the details

- October is Pastor Appreciation Month!
- HFC Vision Conference – Friday 10/28 and Sunday 10/30 (same presentation)
- TXM Annual Assembly – 11/4 and 11/5 volunteers needed
- Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due Sunday, Nov. 6th



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COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDELINES

Confidentiality

Keeping things that are shared in the group confidential builds trust and shows value to the person. Confidentiality can prevent gossip that only values the story; Jesus always valued the person above their story or their sin.

Don't Rescue & Don't Fix

When someone is sharing something deeply personal and/or painful there can be a tendency to try and make them feel better about themselves or the situation. Often this will cause people to stop sharing and results in their not going as deep as they might have gone. Resist the temptation to rescue people. Try to hear what people are sharing without trying to fix them. If they want your advice, they will ask for it. You may want to take time later to ask if you can offer some advice.

No Crosstalk

Be considerate of others as they are sharing. Don't have side conversations. Trust is built in the moments when everyone feels like they are being listened to and heard by the entire group. Treat others in the group as you would want to be treated.

Use Humor Responsibly

Fun is an essential part of Small Groups; however, when meeting in the Biblical Storytelling time keep sarcastic comments, jokes and laughter to a minimum to allow for an atmosphere of authenticity and vulnerability.

Give Everyone a Chance to Share

Be sensitive to the amount of time you share. Encourage everyone to participate in group discussions.

Use "I" Statements

During small group, we want to hear your personal thoughts and perspectives. Using "I" statements to answer discussion questions allows you to speak for yourself rather than generalizing by using terms such as "them", "the church", "us" or "we".

Fight for Relationship

Relationships reaches a whole new level when conflict is resolved in a healthy manner. When conflict or sin issues arise between group members, commit to fight for the relationship and discuss the struggle with the person you are in conflict with or seek wise advice.