

## Community Group Leaders Guide

**Week of October 16**

**Jeremiah 18:1-12**

Today's big idea: God redeems us.

***God redeems us. We redeem coupons. Coupons make good deals. I know it's a stretch but just have fun with it.***

- What is the best deal you ever got on something you bought?
- List out the Community Group Guidelines as a group. Start with the one you always forget.

Bible Study

- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.
- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Jeremiah at the potter's house.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Jeremiah 18:1-12 in the Bible.

***There are a few theological questions here. Don't feel like you have to correct everything that is said. That may squelch involvement in the future. Instead, say things like, "Thank you for sharing. Where did you learn that?" Clean up heresy regarding primary theological tenants but otherwise just follow up outside of the group.***

- Jeremiah was sent to an actual potter with actual clay. How does that impact your understanding of what God was communicating?
- Who is in control of the outcomes according to this story? Why?
- Is God mean, loving, or something else?
- How do you feel about God changing his mind?

As We Go

***Try not to spend too much time on the first question here. Be ready to share on question two below. Remember, transparency and vulnerability will be replicated if you show it.***

- To be clear, not every hard time in our lives is a punishment from God. What else could cause hard times in our lives?
- How have you experienced the punishment of God for sin in your life?
- How have you experienced the redemption of God from repentance in your life? And what is repentance anyway?
- Is there something you need to repent for now? As you close in prayer start with a quiet time and pray silently for the repentance.

***Be sure to follow up with each group member the day after you meet and simply ask if they repented of anything. If they did they may not want to share what it was but encourage them for taking the step of faith. If they didn't ask if there was anything holding them back.***

***Announcements to share with your group:***

- 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



## 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.