

Community Group Leaders Guide

Week of October 23

Jeremiah 29:4-14

Today's big idea: God has plans for us.

- Talk with each other about plans that you made that didn't work out the way you had hoped.
- Community Group Guidelines are our plan for how we will conduct ourselves with the group. Review those together as a group.

Bible Study

When doing Bible Storytelling think of it as the story that God is telling them is going to happen and try not to get bogged down with the exact wording. You will get all of that when you read the text.

- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.
- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of God's Message to the Exiles in Babylon.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Jeremiah 29:4-14 in the Bible.

This next questions refers to the disobedience of the people and assumptions about what they have earned.

- Why would it be important for the Israelites to hear verse 11? Why might they doubt that?
- Who will do the "finding" and how will that come about? **(See verse 14 and surrounding)**
- How would the message about the prophets be significant to those in Babylon? What does that have to do with us?

As We Go

Encourage people to wrestle with the idea of doubt here. If they express doubt thank them for sharing. If they say they don't doubt in this way then ask them how they are reassured of God's plans.

- Have you ever doubted that God had plans for your life? Either way, what was the basis for those feelings?
- What are some things that you are doing now to seek and find God and his plans for your life?

Even if people aren't sure of God's plan for their lives they can still help other people grow closer to him. You may need to offer some creative suggestions here.

- How can God use you, right where you are, to help lead other people closer to him?
- Share prayer requests with one another and also pray that God would help you discern his plans for your lives.

Announcements to share with your group:

- HFC Vision Conference – Friday 10/28 and Sunday 10/30 (same presentation)
- Sunday 10/30 – Pastor Appreciation Reception after worship service
- 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.