

Community Group Leaders Guide

Week of October 30

Jeremiah 37:12-17, 38:4-13

Today's big idea: Why do bad things happen to good people?

- Community Group Guidelines help create space for good things to happen with the group. Review those together as a group.

It may be difficult for some people to say something good about themselves. Don't force it if someone is resistant but make a note about the self-value of each person.

- Have one person say something good about themselves. Then have someone in the group say something good about that same person. Go around until everyone has had an opportunity to say something about themselves.

Bible Study

There is more to the story, a lot of names and a lot of detail. Try telling the story by focusing on the major settings and actions from the verses listed at the top of the page. Storytelling increases engagement. You will pick up the details when you read it.

- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.
- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Jeremiah's hardships.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Jeremiah 37:12-17, 38:4-13 in the Bible.
- Why would the guard and the officials assume that Jeremiah was deserting to the Babylonians?
- What temptations might Jeremiah have dealt with in light of King Zedekiah's request?
- If you were Jeremiah, what would go through your mind before and after you were rescued from the cistern?

As We Go

Be ready with a personal struggle that you will share. Remember, your group will only be as transparent and vulnerable as you are.

- Talk about a time in which you were struggling. What did you think about God during that time?

In the next two questions look for ways to discuss how the gospel—the good news of Jesus—can help us even in difficult times. (The gospel isn't just for evangelism.)

- What helped you trust Jesus around the time of that situation and what didn't help you trust him?
- What are things that we can do to help others in their times of struggle especially in regard to questions about God they might have?
- Share prayer requests with one another and also pray for the gospel of Jesus Christ to transform how we think especially during difficult times.

Announcements to share with your group:

- Nov. 4 & 5 - TXM Annual Assembly – volunteers needed
- Sat. Nov. 5th – Shield Bearers Family Fall Festival
- Sun. Nov. 6th - Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due!
- Sun. Nov. 6th - Discipleship Training begins after worship! (only 3 weeks)



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.