

Community Group Leaders Guide

Week of November 6

Esther 4:6-5:2

Today's big idea: Prepare to Leave the Comfort Zone

- Think about the last big trip you went on. How did you prepare for the trip, what did you do, and how far out did you start?
- Risk is required to leave a comfort zone. Which Community Group Guidelines best create a safe space where you can risk being vulnerable with the group?

Bible Study

- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.
- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Esther.
- Retell the story together as a group.

In your Bible Storytelling feel free to include some of the beginning of Esther's story if you already know it. If not, just focus on the verses below.

- Read the story from Esther 4:6-5:2 in the Bible.
- What were ways in which Mordecai displayed fear and faith?
- What were ways in which Esther displayed fear and faith?
- What was the fasting and prayer designed to accomplish?

As We Go

For this first question you may need to rephrase it by asking, "If you feel challenged do you tend to go back to comfort or take the risk and why?"

- Would you say that your life is controlled more by comfort zones or taking risks for the Lord? Why?

In this second question you might include things like less spiritual maturity, less influence for God's kingdom, or less fruit from his Spirit.

- What are the potential costs of staying in our comfort zones?

Be prepared to talk about a risk you may need to take and how to prepare for that.

- What can you do to prepare for the risk that you need to take?
- Share prayer requests with one another and also pray for the gospel of Jesus Christ to motivate us out of our comfort zones.

Announcements to share with your group:

- Sunday 11/6 at 10am – Free Coffee with the Annual Report! HFC Vision Conference Q&A in the lobby (with Pastor Tim)
- Sunday 11/6, 11/13 and 11/20 – Discipleship Training (contact Naomi)
- Wednesday, 11/9 Chili Cook Off and Annual Business Meeting (7pm)
 - 5pm – set up / 5:30pm dinner / business meeting 7pm
- Faith Promise – We Serve Opportunity – Child Evangelism Fellowship Breakfast 11/11 (contact Naomi)



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.