

Community Group Leaders Guide

Week of November 27

Mark 9:14-29

Today's big idea: During the Christmas season we often talk about faith but many times the Reality of Christmas is a struggle with disbelief.

This is designed just to get people talking. The more they talk now the more likely they will talk toward the end of the study.

- What is your favorite thing to do over the holiday season and what is your least favorite thing to do?
- What are your favorite Community Group Guidelines?

Bible Study

- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.
- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Jesus healing a boy possessed by an impure spirit.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Mark 9:14-29 in the Bible.
- How did Jesus respond to the situation in front of him? **(Reprimand, called the boy, etc.)**
- What was the problem with the father saying, "If you can"?
- How could the father both believe and have unbelief at the same time?

Going Deeper

Be prepared to go first. There is no doubt that people in your group will feel these things but they may not feel like it is safe enough to say anything. Show them it is a safe place. If the group won't talk skip down to the third questions and then come back to the first two.

- Like the father how do you believe and have unbelief at the same time?
- What do you do with your doubts and disbelief? Do you take them to Jesus? If so, how? If not, why?
- How can you help other people who are struggling with doubt and disbelief?
- Close your time together by sharing prayer requests and praying for each other.



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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.