

Community Group Leaders Guide

Week of January 1

John 4:19-26

Today's big idea: Worship matters.

When talking about other churches try to be intentional not to talk badly about any other church. The goal is simply to talk about what is different. Different doesn't equal bad.

- Revisit each of the Community Group Guidelines and why they are so important for the group.
- What different churches have you been a part of and how did they each express worship differently?

Bible Study

The Bible story is a discussion within the larger story of the woman at the well. Feel free to tell or read the entire story but the scope of this study will just focus on worship.

- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.
 - Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story Jesus with the woman at the well.
 - Retell the story together as a group.
 - Read the story from John 4:19-26 in the Bible.
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- Read 2 Kings 17:27-34. Why were the Jews not supposed to associate with the Samaritans?
 - According to Jesus, it no longer matters where you worship but how you worship. What does it mean to worship in the Spirit and in truth? **For a basic overview here check out <https://www.gotquestions.org/worship-spirit-truth.html>.**

Going Deeper

To be clear, this discussion is not designed to say that everyone should worship the same. The big question is, are we worshipping God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength (Deuteronomy 6:5-6) or are we holding back?

- Would you say that you worship God in the Spirit and in truth? Why or why not?
- How might things from your past or what others might think about you impact how you worship?
- As we start 2023, how can we take steps toward worshipping God in the Spirit and in truth? **Explore ways group members could do this individually and together.**
- 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.