

Community Group

Week of January 15

Matthew 6:19-27

Today's big idea: Having financial security starts with seeing money through the eyes of Jesus.

- Who or what taught you how to spend and manage money?
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.

Bible Study

- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.
- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Jesus teaching on marriage.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Matthew 6:19-27 in the Bible.

- What are potential problems that the pursuit of money can lead us into?
- What lessons did Jesus teach in these verses?
- Give some practical examples of what these lessons would look like in our lives today?

Going Deeper

- How does talking about money make you feel, and why?
- How do you see your faith and your finances connected to each other?
- What are some things that we can do to ensure that we are serving God and not money?
- Close your time together by sharing prayer requests and praying for each other.

Upcoming Events & We Serve Opportunities

- HFC Directory? – Login to Realm! Check your email for an invite!
- Do you receive the weekly newsletter? Did you know we have an HFC FB Group?
- Wednesday Nights – KidsMin, Youth and The Gathering 7pm at HFC
- Faith Promise Commitment Month! – Commitment Sunday, Jan. 29th
- Sanctity of Life Sunday – Jan. 15th
- Snack and Goodnight at Star of Hope – Friday, Jan. 20th
- Community Group Leadership Training – Saturday, Jan. 21st
- HFC Q&A with breakfast! Saturday, Feb. 4th at 8am
- 10:25 – Sunday, Feb. 5th



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COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDELINES

Confidentiality

Keeping things that are shared in the group confidential builds trust and shows value to the person. Confidentiality can prevent gossip that only values the story; Jesus always valued the person above their story or their sin.

Don't Rescue & Don't Fix

When someone is sharing something deeply personal and/or painful there can be a tendency to try and make them feel better about themselves or the situation. Often this will cause people to stop sharing and results in their not going as deep as they might have gone. Resist the temptation to rescue people. Try to hear what people are sharing without trying to fix them. If they want your advice, they will ask for it. You may want to take time later to ask if you can offer some advice.

No Crosstalk

Be considerate of others as they are sharing. Don't have side conversations. Trust is built in the moments when everyone feels like they are being listened to and heard by the entire group. Treat others in the group as you would want to be treated.

Use Humor Responsibly

Fun is an essential part of Small Groups; however, when meeting in the Biblical Storytelling time keep sarcastic comments, jokes and laughter to a minimum to allow for an atmosphere of authenticity and vulnerability.

Give Everyone a Chance to Share

Be sensitive to the amount of time you share. Encourage everyone to participate in group discussions.

Use "I" Statements

During small group, we want to hear your personal thoughts and perspectives. Using "I" statements to answer discussion questions allows you to speak for yourself rather than generalizing by using terms such as "them", "the church", "us" or "we".

Fight for Relationship

Relationships reaches a whole new level when conflict is resolved in a healthy manner. When conflict or sin issues arise between group members, commit to fight for the relationship and discuss the struggle with the person you are in conflict with or seek wise advice.

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.