



PHILIPPI

LifeGroup Guide - Week 2

1. Catch Up On Life:

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we're praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

- Celebrate the wins - Where have you seen Jesus working in the last week?
- What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2. Review the Mission:

Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

People:

- Reactive - Who in your life can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest?
- Proactive - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve and build relationships with this group?

Plan:

- Are there any rhythms already planned, or an extra rhythm we could plan, to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?

Pray: Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

3. Sermon Discussion:

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a LifeGroup throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25)

Primary Passage: Acts 16:8-34

Read and Recap: Have three people read **Acts 16:8-15, 16-18, and 25-34** and have someone recap the highlights from this week's sermon.

- Through this passage, we learn that there is no “type of person” that becomes a Christian. The three people we meet from Phillippi are all completely different. How does God show the truth of the gospel to each person?
- Which of the three people do you relate to the most? In what ways?

While God uses different methods to pursue different individuals, there are often similar stages a person might walk through in the process of becoming a Christian:

1. This person trusts a Christian.
 2. This person is interested in talking about Jesus.
 3. This person is considering faith in Jesus
 4. This person puts faith in Jesus.
- Can you relate to this process based on how you came to faith?
 - Were there people who helped you take next steps through this process?

- Is there anyone in your life that you're convinced will never become a Christian? How does the story of the church in Phillippi offer hope that Christ could still do something in their life?

Reread Acts 16:14.

- Think about the people you are building with right now. What stage of interest would you consider them?
- What practical next steps can you take as you engage with them this week?

*Every Group
Around the Pool*

4. Engage the Heart:

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)

- What unhealthy habits are you practicing out of any lies you are believing about Jesus or who He has made you to be?
- What true things about who Jesus is and who He's made you to be would help you fight against these habits? (LG speak into this person's life: How does the gospel address and free him/her?)
- What steps of repentance do you need to take? How can we help you walk in repentance?

Pray: James tells us that a community that regularly confesses sin and prays for each other will see a lot of healing. Confess your sins in prayer and pray for each other.