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LifeGroup Guide - Week 3

1. Catch Up On Life:

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 (positive or negative)?

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? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
- Proactive - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, STC partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Columbia)? 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: 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:

In our mission to see every group around the pool, we want to spend time practicing what it looks like to use the truth of the Bible to help influence our interactions with non-believers. When we we apply the truth of the gospel into our lives and the lives of our communities, we grow in what we call "gospel fluency."



Primary Passage: Acts 17:16-34

Read and Recap: Have someone read **Acts 17:16-34** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon.

- What are the beliefs and idols you see in our city? How do you notice these in the lives of the people our LifeGroup is building with?
- How might we helpfully poke holes in these belief systems? How do these idols fail to deliver on their promises?
- How specifically is Jesus good news for the people holding these beliefs?

Pray: that we would grow in being appropriately provoked by the idols that we see in our lives and the lives of people around us.

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 idols are you chasing? What idols are you tempted to chase?
- Are there any cultural beliefs that you've functionally accepted as truth (in mind or action)?
- What steps of repentance do you need to take?

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.