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His Name Is Jesus

Luke 21:5-24

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One of our goals at Gateway is to move people from “[Rows to Circles](#).” It can be impossible to truly connect on a Sunday morning in a room full of people. However, we desire all of our people to be connected to a Group that meets on a regular basis and provides a space for each person to [Experience Community](#). Each Group is committed to [Encountering Jesus](#) in the truth of Scripture, Engaging in prayer together, and helping each other to [Embrace the Mission](#) that each of us has been called to pursue.

This [Groups Guide](#) is for all Groups to utilize even if yours is studying something other than the Sunday Conversation. Additional resources are provided weekly to allow for Groups to connect through [prayer, worship, discipleship, service, and fellowship](#). Leaders are encouraged to implement these elements in any order and to feel free to make substitutions or additions.

prayer.

// continuing the conversation God already started

- Group leader can open in prayer and open for others to pray as well.
- If leading prayer is an area of uncertainty, read a verse/passage (such as a Psalm of your choice) and play some background music for a couple of minutes while praying silently and meditating on the verses read (use an instrumental worship playlist from YouTube or Spotify)

worship.

// with all we are and all we've been given

- Offer info on Baptism: <https://gtwy.life/baptism>
- Offer info on Family Dedication: <https://gtwy.life/family-dedication>
- Online giving: <https://gtwy.life/giving>
- Ask group members, “Where have you seen God working this past week in your life and the lives of others?” Continue this attitude of praise and openness to the transforming power of the Gospel and movement of the Spirit through believers as you sing or meditate on the truth in these songs or in your group’s unique worship time.

- Consider playing 1-2 of these songs from the weekend and sing along, or worship through meditating on the lyrics as you listen:
 - Exalted One: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csBgp9YPJg8>
 - Christ Be Magnified: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjGMlYwK9M>
 - Same God: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yse43TURces>
 - Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4s0Zb189Sco>

fellowship.

// doing life together

- Add upcoming opportunities to your calendar and get more info at <https://gtwy.life/>
- To learn about other ways to connect and other next steps: <https://gtwy.life/connect>
- Anyone have a tangible need the group can help support? Meal Train/Take Them a Meal, childcare swap, home project that needs extra hands/expertise, etc
- Anyone have activities this week where group members can show up to support? i.e. kid activities (sports, music, etc), birthdays, doctor appointments, funerals, etc
- Meet the Pastors: <https://gtwy.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1528923>
- Interested in Partnership? Visit here: <https://gtwy.life/partnership>
- Partnership Path Step 2: <https://gtwy.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1485170>

service.

// individually and as a group

- Ask “How did you see God show up as you served this past week?” (through your ministry at church and outside of church)
- GTWY offers 3 weekend gatherings (Sundays at 8:30, 10, 11:30) - There is a need for additional volunteers to serve in all areas - please consider how you can volunteer if you’re not already involved in a ministry at GTWY: <https://gtwy.life/get-involved>
- Monthly ask, “Where should we serve next as a Group?”

discipleship.

// lives transformed daily by the Gospel

- Suggestions for personal or family study:
 - Free Right Now Media account (Video Bible Study Online Library): <https://gtwy.life/resources>
 - GTWY Messages Archive: <https://gtwy.church/message-archive/>
 - Adult - *Hope Has A Name*: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/763248>
 - Kids & Family - *Where Does Hope Come From?*: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/277852>

diving into this week's conversation.

- Leader Guidance: Ask open-ended questions or phrases that prompt group members to go deeper is encouraged - “How do you see ___ showing up in your life?” “Tell us more about that.” “What does that show us about Jesus?” “What should our response be?” etc.
- Visit the Message Archive here: <https://gtwy.church/message-archive/>
- Text DEVO to 610-600-1880 to receive a link to the future Weekly Devotionals about future Sunday Conversations
- Read each story in Luke 21:5-25. What jumped out at you from this past Sunday's conversation? Discuss any takeaways, ah-ha moments, and questions. Dive into scripture together over what's shared.
- Share your reaction to “Jesus doesn't tell us everything we want to know, but he does tell us everything we need to know”?
- What are we told to watch for regarding the end times? Have these events/signs occurred before? What is our response to be? (Hint: identify the verbs in the passage)
- Since we don't know all of the details (timing/when), how do we live with the unknown while being confident in the One who knows?
- If time, how does the story of Noah (Genesis 5:-32-7:6) relate to this week's passage? Look at the age of Noah before the ark vs when the flood came. What connections to God's patience and heart do you see from the years spent building the ark (aka salvation/rescue plan) to the present waiting for Jesus' return?
- What is a truth from this discussion you'll take into the coming week?

// to submit a prayer request, connect in additional ways, view upcoming events, access additional discipleship resources and more, visit <https://gtwy.life/>.