GATEWAYCHURCH

// groups guide

January 5, 2025 | FOR THE ONE | Psalm 37:5, 25:1, 4-5 | Scott Feather

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 Family Dedication via the GTWY app: https://qrco.de/beaoCI
- Online giving via the GTWY app: https://qrco.de/beaoCI
- 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 some of these songs from the weekend and sing along, or worship through meditating on the lyrics as you listen:
    - Spirit of the Living God: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPks3NQwH28
    - Abide: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLDEt9KP2O0
    - The World Needs Jesus: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sk6_d-5beTM

fellowship.

// doing life together

- ***All info found on the GTWY APP****!* Go here: https://qrco.de/beaoCI
- Have you attended ***WELCOME TO CHURCH NIGHT?*** This event is for those newer to GTWY or for anyone curious to learn more about GTWY's mission and vision (rsvp on the app).
- Anyone have a tangible need the group can help support? Meal Train/Take Them a Meal, childcare swap, home project, grief support, 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.

mobilize.

// 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)
- Join a ***serve***team: GTWY offers 3 weekend gatherings (Sundays at 8:30, 10, 11:30) - We'd love for you to consider how you can use your gifts to serve. Visit the GTWY app for more info: https://gtwy.churchcenter.com/people/forms/330209
- Monthly ask, "Where should we serve next as a Group?"

discipleship.

// lives transformed daily by the Gospel

- Suggestions for personal or family study:
  - Visit https://licsms.co/OptIn to receive a link to the future Weekly Devotionals about upcoming Sunday Conversations

    Free Right Now Media account (Video Bible Study Online Library): https://gtwy.life/resources
  - GTWY Messages Archive on the ***GTWY app***: https://qrco.de/beaoCI
  - Adult - 1 Peter (Kyle Idleman): https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/289495
  - Kids & Family - I Peter: Where Does Hope Come From? https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/289090

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.
- Read Psalm 37:5 and discuss any takeaways or ah-ha moments centered around what Pastor Scott shared on Sunday. [*Sunday's Big Idea: Reset our course and renew our commitment as a faith family to For the ONE GOD, For the ONE CHURCH, For the ONE LOST.*]
- Invite group members to share any AH-HA moments from Sunday's Conversation.
- **For the One God:** Read Psalm 25, 1, 4-5 and then discuss what feels possible and what seems impossible. What is an area of growth from these verses the group could pray for you about throughout this year?
- **For the One Church:** Pause and pray for the Elder Team and their families as they serve by shepherding the GTWY family: Matt Hiller, Daniel Truxler, Ray Asmus, Brad Boyer (new), Darien White (new), Zach Felter (new), Pastor Jon and Pastor Scott.
- **For the One Lost:** Who came to mind on Sunday as you prayed about someone in your life that might not know Jesus as Savior? Share their first names and pray for them specifically, including boldness to follow the Holy Spirit when it's time to share the Good News!
- Be sure to come back Sunday as we learn more about our theme for the year: **My Life, His Story.**