

# 2020 Community Groups

## WEEKLY GUIDE

### For the Week Of: April 26<sup>th</sup>

#### **"World Gone Wild"**

This weekend Pastor Aaron continued the Series: "World Gone Wild." He talks about transformative moments, even moments like what is going on now. These transformative moments can be more than moments though, they are in fact, experiences that continue to shape us into the future. His message encouraged us to continue to obey God's Word. It is not enough just to hear, read, or even memorize it; we are called to be obedient to it. Obedience involves actively listening, willing submitting, aligning, and realigning our lives to God's Word.

#### **Community Prayer:**

Everlasting Father, We exalt you, we magnify your holy name because you are worthy of all praise, honor, and worship. We know that you give us purpose here: to love you with all our hearts, minds, and souls; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Help us to lean into you today, to learn more about you, grow in you, and let others know how much you love them; in Jesus' name, Amen.

#### **Series in action: Last week's study**

Last weekend Pastor Aaron taught on Focusing our eyes on what we see before us, and all that God has done for us. We should seize the moments by seeing what matters! First look to God! Look to His Living Word! Then, look at these three areas:

**S: Set your hope**

**E: Experience the beauty of holiness**

**E: Endure this season**

#### **Opening Questions**

1. What is the evidence you're transformed by God's mercy, experienced new birth, and have a living hope?
2. What is the primary proof that a person has set their hope in Jesus, experiencing holiness, and enduring this season well?



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### EXPLORATION

Read the passages below...what can you learn about what it means to follow Jesus from these passages? (Have someone read from their bible)

#### 1 Peter 1: 22

1. What does It mean to be purified?
  - a. Does your purification have continuing results? Talk about how those results show up in your life today.
2. Why is it so important for us to love one another deeply and from the heart? Talk about how our love for others becomes a witness for Christ.
3. What is the difference between emotional love and love from the heart?

#### John 13: 34-35

1. Why is God's command to love one another non-negotiable?
2. God doesn't command us to do something without equipping us to do it; how did He equip us to love one another?
3. Talk about your life and how everyone will know you are a disciple of Christ by knowing you.

#### 1 Peter 4: 7-8

1. Think about from where does all love flow? How has that love been expressed to you and how does It tie to your sin. (Always good to re-read John 3:16 here)

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#### 1 Peter 1: 23-25

2. How do you explain to an unsaved relative, friend, or stranger what "Born Again" means...in your own language?
3. How has your life changed since you were born again...given a fresh start? As a newborn In Christ, do you guard against the old ways of your life? How?

#### 1 Peter 2: 1

Malice - ill will, a desire to harm or injure someone

Deceit - dishonesty, motives to gain advantage by deceiving

Hypocrisy - actor who wears mask, playing a game, inconsistent

Envy - playing comparison game, jealous, leads to resentment of someone

Slander - spicy & hurtful gossip, backbiting so we look better



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TIME TO BE HONEST HERE...

Where do you see malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander in your life?  
How do you deal with it and how can we pray for specifically in this area?

### THE TAKEAWAY

Love is:

- Sincere
- Deep
- Sacrificial

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God's word is enduring and last forever.

Let others lift you up in prayer, that you might rid yourself of the vices that prevent you from loving fully, the way we are commanded to do.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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