

2020 Community Groups

WEEKLY GUIDE

Week of June 7th

Lament, Repent, Respond

Pastor Aaron, decided to push pause on our “World gone Wild” series this weekend to bring a message on where we are as individuals, where our friends and family are, where we are as a church, and where we are as a society. The message was very timely, as we added one more storm to navigate in the last several days. There may be no greater time in our lives where the need to lament, repent, and respond are stronger than they are right now!

Community Prayer: **(READ THIS PRAYER TOGETHER)**

Eternal God, we welcome your presence into our gathering today. We need your wisdom, knowledge, discernment, and understanding as we deal with the latest challenge we are facing. You told us in your Word, that “Love covers over a multitude of sins.” Help us to embrace our differences instead of using them as a tool to divide us; may your love in our hearts conquer the hateful narrative in the hearts of some in our society. Forgive us of the sins we have committed, and allow your love to shine through me, so that others can see my good works, and glorify you in Heaven; in Jesus’ Name we pray, Amen.

Opening Questions

1. What is one word to describe how you felt yesterday, or feel today?
Expand on your answer by giving the reason why? ‘Good’ or ‘Fine’ are not an option.

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 4: 7-8

Nowhere else on earth is someone going to take the time to teach you how to love one another deeply. The church has a unique voice in this season, and the Bible has direct wisdom for these situations.

2. How do you remain sober minded in the midst of what is happening now?
3. What does God’s love require of you?
4. Why do you think that love covers over a multitude of sin?
5. Since the end of all things is near; how does this motivate you to be more deliberate in sharing your story with an unsaved friend or family member?



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1 Peter 5: 6-7

6. What do you do when there is a gap between who God says He is and your experiences in the world?
7. How do you humble yourself under God's mighty hand?
Pray more, Listen more, Repent, All of the above? Why?
8. What anxiety/cares are you still holding on to?
What benefits do you obtain when you give these over to Jesus?

Galatians 2: 11-14

9. Paul openly corrected Peter about his favoritism toward the Jews; Is it possible that you/we might have some room for improvement in certain areas of your life? Share with the group?

THE TAKEAWAY

Be willing to sit in the weight of what is going on in the world as you reflect and respond to the following:

- Take the next few minutes and LAMENT the sin of disunity and unlove in our homes, community, state, and nation.
- Take the next few minutes and REPENT of apathy, unlove, division, divisiveness, lack of listening, and pride.
- Take the next few minutes to reflect on Jesus' sacrificial love for every person.

We have a new life in Christ Jesus; the old has past, the new has come. As we allow the Holy Spirit to live His life through us, we will reflect the best of ourselves; and God will be glorified.

Disciples of Jesus...not disciples of the democrats, not republican disciples, not disciples of your peer group, not a disciple of Instagram/Twitter/Tic Tok...We are disciples of Jesus



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PRAYER REQUESTS

Galatians 2: 20

Are there any areas in your life that you have not yet crucified? Please pray about these areas right now.

