

# 2020 Community Groups

## WEEKLY GUIDE

**October 18<sup>th</sup>**

Meagan Marshman, brought an inspiring message on “God’s Plans.” She shared that God always keeps His promises, and the following: God knows our plans, God’s plans are meant for Good, God’s Good plans include trials, and God’s Good plans involve you. We are living in a season where things are turned upside-down. We are living in a new normal, but God is still the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is able to sustain us in this season, and every season of our lives.

### **Community Prayer:**

Gracious God, in spite of everything that is going on around us that causes frustration, remorse, depression, and a desire to return to normalcy; we will continue to put our faith in you, the author and finisher of our faith. We trust in you to sustain us, as we walk by faith and not by sight. Help us understand today’s message and allow the Holy Spirit to work through us to put these principles into practice; in Jesus’ Name we pray, Amen.

### **Opening Questions**

Describe a time when God kept a promise He made to you. How did this make you feel? Did it involve others? What’s the story?

### **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)

#### God Knows the Plans

##### **Jeremiah 29: 11-14**

1. What does It look like to SEEK God sincerely?
2. How does it make you feel to know that God knows the plans He has for you? Does that encourage you or discourage you? What if they are different than your plans?
3. How has God turned troubles and/or confusion into hope in your life?
4. How often do you call upon the Lord in prayer, and feel His presence and know that He is listening to you? Give an example of this in the last month?



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God's plans are meant for Good

**Romans 8: 28-29**

5. Have God's plans ever created a disruption in your life? How?
6. Have you ever felt that some of God's plans caused you to be stressed? Explain how?

\*\*We have all felt this way and we need this reminder... we need to understand that all things **work together** for the good; the aggregate of the things we go through will turn out to be for our good, and God's glory.

7. What does it mean to be conformed to the image of Jesus?

God's good plans include trials

**Genesis 7: 16**

8. What is the significance for you to know that God opens doors and closes them as well? Give an example of one or both of these in your life?

**Daniel 3: 16-17**

9. Share a time of trouble when you had to cling to Jesus in the midst of trying times. What were the results? How did God respond in your moment of true faith?

God's good plans involve you

**Acts 1: 1 (Homework: Read Acts chapter 2 for your marching orders)**

The Gospels tell us what Jesus began.

Acts and the Epistles is what Jesus continues to do through us.

10. How has God used you to reach others with His message of Hope?
11. Why is it important to know that we are the hands, feet, and mouth that Jesus wants to use in this season and every season?



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### THE TAKEAWAY

God Knows the Plans

God's plans are meant for Good

God's good plans include trials

God's good plans involve you

God's plan for your family is YOU

God's plan for your spouse is YOU

God's plan for the Inland Empire is YOU

YOUR response to God's plan is EVERYTHING!

As Followers of Jesus, we have been given the ministry of reconciliation.

**All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; (2 Corinthians 5: 18)**

We have the privilege of letting others know about the Hope we have found in Jesus, one story at a time. We do this by the love we have for one another, by the unity we have in the Body of Christ, by living a life fully committed to Jesus, and by sharing our Story when the opportunity presents itself.

To God be the Glory for all He has done in our lives and continues to do on a daily basis.



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### PRAYER REQUESTS

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