

2021 Community Groups

WEEKLY GUIDE

June 13

Pastor Woody's Message this week was entitled: "A Crazy Hope Filled Zoo" and it challenged us with great questions: "What type of Neighbor Am I?" and "What type of Neighborhood or Community can God cultivate through me?" He reminded us that there three ways we could model the prophetic vision of the God shaped community we see in Isaiah 11, but it will take: our willingness to have open ears/an open heart to love /and our open hands to act, as we listen to the Word of God.

Community Prayer:

Father, our desire is to be more like Jesus, as we move in that direction help us to realize how important it is to have a desire to see others be transformed by Him as we were. Let us see them as Jesus does, like sheep without a Shepherd. May the Holy Spirit work through us to reach out to our neighbors in new ways, through hearts of love and concern for their future state of becoming one of your children; in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Opening Questions

1. What type of Neighbor would your neighbors say you are? Can you be a better neighbor? What changes can you put in place to get there?
2. When is the last time you invited a neighbor to your home for dinner?

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)

Isaiah 11: 6-9

3. What lessons can you pull out of verses 6-8?
4. Which one of the animals can you identify with? Why?
5. How does this translate into your practice of Hospitality?
6. How does this future scene help us to prepare now in our interactions with our neighbors?
7. Verse 9b says: "for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." What actions can you put in place to promote "the knowledge of the Lord" through your acts of Hospitality?



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Isaiah 11: 1-5

8. The “Root of Jesse” is a description of Jesus; describe some of the ways He relates with people?
9. How is Jesus working in your heart to see people the way He does? (Give examples)

Revelation 7:9

10. What resonates with you in this picture of Heaven?

Luke 10: 29-37

11. Which of these three can you identify with? Why?
12. What do you think motivated the Samaritan to help someone who probably would not do the same for Him? Should this motivate you as well?

THE TAKEAWAY

Genesis 1: 26a...Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to our likeness.”

- We are meant to live in fellowship and communion with one another-as does the Godhead.
- God’s Image is uniquely displayed in so many different ways and people.
- To diminish this is to ignore and undercut God’s truth---every human (including non-believers) is instilled with value and dignity rooted in the fact that we are made in the image of God (**Imago Dei**). We do not draw our dignity or identity from ourselves, as it is exclusively from God.



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Colossians 3:12: “So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”

- When we SUIT UP with these qualities every day, God is glorified and the people we encounter will be affected by God through us!

PRAYER REQUESTS

