

# 2021 Community Groups

## WEEKLY GUIDE

### July 18

This weekend we were blessed to have Chris Simning bring our message, entitled: "Context of God's Design." The theme verse was taken from Psalm 139:16..."Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." The message talks about four characters in scripture: Joseph, the dreamer; Jonah, the runner; Paul the rejecter; and Peter, the failure. All of us can identify with one or several of these men because it relates to God's design in all of us to live out our individual stories for a purpose.

### Community Prayer:

Eternal Father, as your children you have given each of us a purpose in life. You have gifted us with Spiritual gifts that help us to embrace and fulfill our purpose for the good of others and to glorify your name. Help us to understand that we were fearfully and wonderfully made by you, we are not an accident or mistake, we belong to you and have been blessed to be a blessing; in Jesus' Name, Amen.

### Opening Questions

1. What do you feel is God's purpose for your life?
  - a. Why?
  - b. How will you go about making it a reality?

### 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)

Joseph, the dreamer (those who remain faithful in circumstances that are unfortunate, less than ideal, but yet persevere)

### Psalm 139:1-6

2. God knows everything about us, why then do you look to other sources (friends, astrology charts, self-help books, and other means) to find out things about yourself?
3. Why is God our best resource for knowledge about who we are and what we should be doing?
4. God knows a word on our tongues even before we speak it; how does this resonate with you?  
(Think about this and allow it to shape how you think and what you say)



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### **Genesis 45:4-8**

5. Joseph knew his role in God's plan for his life. What did he say to his brothers that proved that?
6. Why can dreams be so powerful?
7. What is the Spirit of God prompting in you to dream about?

**God's work through your dreams has an impact on others.**

Jonah, the runner (those who God pursues regardless of the purpose that we don't see or want to see, so we flee)

### **Psalm 139:7-12**

8. Mohammed Ali had a quote: "You can run but you can't hide"; how is this true in regards to you running from God?
  - a. Talk about a time when you were actively running from God or wanting to hide. Could you?

### **Jonah 2:6-9**

9. What part of these verses reflect that Jonah's contemplation prayer, aligned his life back to God's design? (look at verse 9)

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Paul, the rejecter (those who deny God blatantly but He still has plans to transform them)

### **Psalm 139:13-16**

10. "Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well." How does your soul express the wonder of God's work in your existence? How does knowing this shape the way you think and the things you do?

### **Acts 9:11-16**

11. Have you ever rejected God blatantly, and through His mercy and grace He worked His plans through you? If Yes, share your story.
12. Have you ever suffered for your decision to be a Follower of Jesus? How? What did God do to sustain you?

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Peter, the failure (those who struggle with allowing failures to define them but God equips them by using their broken parts)

### Psalm 139:17-24

13. How precious are God's thoughts toward you? Give an example.

### John 21:15-19

14. Why was it important for Jesus to ask Peter how much He loved Him?
15. What assignment did Jesus give Peter following each of His "Do you love me questions"?
16. What was Jesus preparing Peter to do?
17. What is Jesus preparing you to do because of your love for Him?

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## THE TAKEAWAY

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

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