

LIFE GROUPS

LEADER PAGE | Ascent | WEEK 7 of 15 | Sermon date: September 18, 2022

Before Group *(do the heart work)*

God is forever faithful. We see some amazing truths in James 1:16-18. First, “whatever is good and perfect is a gift to us from God”. When we love others, we’re prone to give them gifts. God does that for us. Secondly, God never changes. His love for you is pure and unending. Lastly, “out of all creation, (we) became His prized possession.” Those are incredible blessings. Spend time this week thanking God for these few.

During Group *(facilitate effectively)*

For group this week we’re diving deeper into implication number 3, “The longer we live in God’s blessing, the easier it is to take it for granted.” That said, we’ll be exploring how we might be struggling even while living in the blessing. Our HEAD question is to point out all the characteristics we can see about God in this passage. Also to identify the warning in this passage and why it’s there. The HEART question is to determine the blessing we’re each living in (personally) right now and to expose how we might just be taking it for granted. A great follow up question is, “why do you think that is?” Try asking this repeatedly throughout the evening and see what others share. Finally, the HANDS question points to Deuteronomy 6:12, where the Word cautions us “*not to forget*”. The aim of this question is to offer practical solutions that we could do to help ourselves, and one another, remember well.

After Group *(leading intentionally)*

Following group this week take a moment to pray specifically, by name, for everyone in your group lifting up their walk with the Lord. Ask God to reveal to you one specific way you can communicate His love for them on a personal level this week. Who needs an encouraging text? Who could use some extended time with you following group? Who would benefit from praying with you personally? Who might you share a meal with? As you care for others well, how might God use that to provide care for *you* this week? Our prayer is that you’ll find out exactly how.

Church Announcements *(share with your group)*

Financial Peace University is completely FREE, and it begins 9/22 through 11/17! Join us every Thursday night from 6-8 pm in room 225 to begin your road to financial freedom! To register, go to southeastcc.org/fpu or simply click [here!](#)

Did You Know? *(Reenforcing our culture)*

There are several resources for you as a Life Group Leader! We offer support by providing Weekly Curriculum, Relationships, Life Group Leader Prayer Gatherings, the Life Group Leader Podcast, our Semi-Annual Trainings (RDT & Refocus), 1 on 1’s with your Life Group pastor, and actual Life Group visits. Ask your Life Group pastor for all the details on any of the resources you are unaware of.

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FACILITATOR PAGE | *(Reproducible Process/Overall Alignment)*

Welcome | Opening Prayer | God Moments *(5 mins.)*

Weekly Vision Checklist *(Intentional Leader - 5 mins.)*

- *Announcements (see bottom of Leader Page)*
- *Our Why (Jesus commands us to make disciples. Mt. 28:18-19)*
- *Our Goal (spiritual growth in becoming disciple makers)*
- *Our How (is Life Groups, cast a vision around importance of branching)*
- *Guidelines (setting the rails for healthy discussion)*
 - *Confidentiality (what's said here stays here)*
 - *Avoid Crosstalk (no side conversations while others are sharing)*
 - *Avoid Fixing & Rescuing (fight the urge to jump in and save)*
 - *Use I Statements (avoid using general terms, speak personally)*
 - *Contribute Over Consume (everyone is encouraged to participate)*
 - *Be Mindful of Self (allow all to share and use humor responsibly)*

Hook Question *(a related thought-provoking question- 5 mins.)*

What's a "good thing" that you can honestly say you took for granted in your youth?

Recap the Message *(main takeaways from the message? - 5 mins.)*

Implications *(questions based off the underlined implication below - 5 mins.)*

1. When we find ourselves in difficult circumstances, we can still have peace because we know that God will deliver us.
2. God's deliverance brings joy, gratitude, and generosity.
3. The longer we live in God's blessing, the easier it is to take it for granted.
4. What we really believe about God is measurable by how we live our lives.

Discussion Questions *(going beyond the surface- 55 mins.)*

- **HEAD** - Read Deuteronomy 6:10-13. What do you see from this passage about God's character? What "warning" can we see here and why?
- **HEART** - Again, living in our blessing can become more difficult over time. What blessing are you living in right now and in what ways might you be taking it for granted? (Follow Up Question: Why do you think that is?)
- **HANDS** - Deuteronomy 6:12, cautions us, "not to forget". Because those who remember well, worship well. How could you be more intentional about remembering God's faithfulness in your life every day?

Prayer Prompts *(Scripture-fed, Spirit-led, Worship-based prayer prompts - 10 mins.)*

Read Psalm 126 from the God's word before praying these prompts.

Let us say "The Lord has done great things for us" all because He alone is _____.

Lord, you restore our fortunes & joy. Because of that I can _____.

All good things come from you Father and in this moment, I'm asking _____.

I will be prepared to _____ when you prove your faithfulness yet again.