

LIFE GROUPS

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Discipleship Phrase: God's church, God's way.

Big Idea for Series: God's church is built on His principles.

Abiding *(grow as a disciple yourself)*

We've all heard that the Lord is sovereign but how much do we really believe that? How we answer that will let us know how much we actually trust God, and how much we actually trust God will determine how well we'll weather the storms of life. We must be willing to trust God with our circumstances as well as the outcomes of them. Spend some time this week in prayer assessing the depth of your trust in God. Analyze the evidences that point to what you discover. Find scriptures that speak to God's sovereignty and repeat them every day this week.

Leading *(facilitate your group effectively)*

This week we are learning about what it looks like to find contentment in the suffering that often comes in this life. Vulnerability as you lead this week is going to be key. Start off by sharing a story/season/trial in your life where you experienced suffering in some form and where, when, and how you found God in the midst of it. How did God give you grace as you went through the muck? Where did you feel His strength keeping you upright when you were certain you would falter? Share with the group how you keep God in the forefront of your walk day-to-day in a pivotal way, allowing you to live in the blessing of His grace and power when the world around you brings suffering a chaos.

Shepherding *(know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep)*

Contentment is the supernatural work of God in the heart and the mind. After your group has met this week note the struggles and suffering shared. How can you care for your group as they endure in their situations? God always provides a path through those hardships, look for ways to speak truth in love and share that contentment is an attitude of the heart. Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding". In those individual conversations with your members, encourage them to trust in God's sovereign will with a heart of gratitude and complete surrender to Him.

Church Announcements *(be in the know & share with your group)*

Men's Wild Game Dinner is happening March 8, 2022 from 6 PM-8:30 PM. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

REMEMBER:

"Every group deserves a great leader."

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Welcome/Introductions & Opening Prayer

Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows (*choose what fits best*)

Weekly Vision (*Announcements, The “Why”, Goal, Outreach, Guidelines, & Branching*)

Guidelines: Confidentiality, Avoid Crosstalk, Avoid fixing & Rescuing, Use “I” Statements, Contribute over Consume, Be Mindful of Self (allow all to share & use humor responsibly).

Ask a Hook Question (*a thought-provoking question*) What is one “comfort” that you’ll gladly pay for in order to avoid the suffering of “settling”?

Recap the Message (*ask a couple people to share*)

Scripture References (*Read scriptures directly from the Bible*)

2 Corinthians 11:21-28 (ESV)

Implications (*takeaways from the message*)

1. You shouldn’t use your personality as an excuse to misrepresent Christ.
2. The Holy Spirit will give you what you need to accurately represent Christ in every situation.
3. God is always God, even when our circumstances are not going the way we desire.
4. God’s message is more important than our comfort.

Discussion Questions (*going beyond the surface*)

1. Read 2 Cor. 11:21-28. What were some circumstances that Paul endured? What are some adjectives he used to describe those circumstances?
2. Share some areas of struggle/suffering that you are currently facing at the moment. How would you describe those?
3. Now read 2 Cor. 12:9-10. What does this passage say about God? How does this affect Paul’s ability to endure his circumstances?
4. Where might you be lacking contentment in your circumstances and outcomes? Why do you think that is?
5. What’s one step that you could take this week to begin to trust the sovereignty of God more, not just your circumstances, but also the outcomes?

Prayer Requests (*Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.*)

Closing Prayer (*ask openly for a volunteer*)