

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)*

Make sure you spend some time this week reading and processing what God's definition of glorifying Him looks like on this side of eternity. Isaiah 1: 15-17 gives specific examples of ways. Think about the specific calls made through these passages and ask God to reveal the ways you can better reflect His glory through living differently. Be ready to share with your group what you discovered and the ways you plan to show His glory through your life.

Leading *(facilitate your group effectively)*

This week's message provides examples of how God uses His people to glorify Him and carry out His mission. As you lead discussion, discuss what gives glory to God. How can we acknowledge His greatness, sovereignty, majesty, and love? Do we submit to Him and do what He commands? Question 2 is revealing a posture we should have when approaching God. Discuss why God would turn away from our prayers. Question 3 takes us into the importance of seeking God's face. Proverbs 8:17 states, "I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me." God desires to be sought after tenaciously. We receive more of who He is and understand more of His heart and intent for us to help others in this world. As you move into actionable steps, help members identify what "seeking His face" means and how serving others in the right spirit glorifies God.

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

The discussion this week will be deep and revealing. Knowing how to bring God glory and doing it can be difficult. Be listening for the ways your people plan to live differently into the call of using their lives to glorify Him and take some time to affirm their observations and support them in their next steps. Ask your people how you can prayerfully walk alongside them as they move in this very important direction.

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

Save the date! July 24, 2022, from 5-8 PM we will be celebrating 50 years of Southeast Christian Church! You won't want to miss this night of celebration with worship and prayer!

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’s something you’ve accomplished that you’re proud of?

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

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

Isaiah 1:15-17 (ESV)

Implications (*takeaways from the message*)

1. The goal of our relationship with God isn’t to get Him to do what we want. It is to know Him and His business in the world.
2. Glorifying God and helping others goes hand in hand.
3. We don’t have to give energy to creating something to do for God. He supplies the mission and the means to do it.
4. We can be right in the middle of a miracle and miss it.

Discussion Questions (*going beyond the surface*)

1. How do you define giving glory to God?
2. Review Isaiah 1:15-17. What is God wanting from His people? What are the parallels for today?
3. Why does seeking His face matter when we are out in the world doing “things” in His name?
4. In what ways can you better love and serve others that will bring God the glory?

Closing Prayer (*ask openly for a volunteer*)