

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of June 5-11, 2022

“JESUS IS WHAT MATTERS”

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What's your favorite excuse for not doing something (e.g. "The dog ate my homework.")?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Luke 17:11-19

1. Read Numbers 12:10-15; Leviticus 13:1-4; Leviticus 13:44. Why were the lepers during Jesus' time considered unclean? What are our modern day types of leprosy that tends to isolate and ostracize people?
2. What would it have been like to be a leper? How does verse 13 give us a glimpse of how difficult their life might have been? Do you think the lepers calling Jesus their Master was genuine? Why or why not?
3. If you were one of the nine, how would you rationalize not going back to Jesus to say thanks?
4. 2 Timothy 3:1-2 tells us that in the last days, people will be ungrateful. Do you see this to be true today? But what does it mean to live a life of gratitude?
5. "We can't always see God's hand, but we can trust his heart." Do you agree with those words? In your own experience, what character of God have been particularly helpful in terms of providing an anchor for your trust or a shield against worry and fear?
6. Are there ways you already practice God's presence in your life? Give an example. How do you most often experience God? Is anything making it difficult for you to see God's presence in your life? Is there something you need to stop or start?

7. "What Jesus does for us must always be secondary to who Jesus is to us." Has this ever been true in the choices that you make? Share an experience.

8. NEXT STEPS

What Jesus does for us must always be secondary to who Jesus is to us.

- I will love God for who he is, not for what I can get out of him.
- I will be intentional in counting my blessings everyday and being thankful for all that he has done in my life.
- I will remember that God is at work—guiding, directing, and bringing about his purposes in my life.
- I will share God's love and reach out to my friends and loved ones.

Don't forget to:

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God's intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a heart that consistently expresses thankfulness to the Lord.
- Pray for a heart that seeks his constant presence.
- Pray to not only speak to Jesus but to also anticipate hearing from him.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through tough times.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

June 6	1 Peter 2:21-25
June 7	Luke 17:11-19
June 8	Ephesians 1:11-16
June 9	John 16:12-15
June 10	1 Samuel 3:1-10
June 11	Psalms 1:1-3
June 12	John 15:9-17