LifeGroups

Meeting & Discussion Guide

Week of Nov 2-7: All in the family - Introduced.

Start with food & fellowship and then gather everyone together.

Worship (Optional) : "Same God"
Find the worship lyric video on website: www.tccde.com/lifegroups

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Family Fest - share highlights and testimonies:

- **What were some highlights or meaningful interactions you experienced at Family Fest?**
- **Where did you see God at work, and what did you take away from the experience?**

Weekend Recap: This weekend at TCC, we began a new series about belonging in the family of God. Pastor Tyler spoke on the idea of being "**introduced**" to God, faith, and the family of God. We have the opportunity to introduce people to God and the family of God through the way we represent Him, invite others in, and make people feel welcomed and included.

1. BELONGING IN THE FAMILY OF GOD

John 1:12 – "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God".

Ephesians 2:9 – So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.

Discuss:

- What comes to your mind when you think of belonging to God's family?
- How does our relationships with our earthly families positively/negatively affect how we understand this?

2. IMPRESSION — REPRESENTING GOD WELL

Colossians 4:5-6 - Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

First impressions matter. The way people experience us can shape their willingness to learn more about God and His church. We don't have to be perfect, but we should be intentional about representing Jesus well.

Discuss:

- Can you think of a time someone made a great (or poor) first impression on you? How did it affect your desire to engage with them?
- What are some practical ways we can represent Jesus well in our everyday interactions with people?

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3. INVITED — EVERYONE DESERVES AN INVITATION

Matthew 28:19–20 - “Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Jesus calls us to make disciples. An invitation communicates that someone is wanted and that there's room for them. In Acts 10:24, Cornelius gathers his relatives and friends so they can hear the Good News.

- Why do we sometimes hesitate to invite people to church, LifeGroup, or other things we're involved in?
- Who in your life could you invite into a conversation about faith, church, or community? What are some simple ways to extend that invitation?

4. INCLUDED — MAKING ROOM AT THE TABLE

Romans 15:7 – Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.

1 Peter 4:9 – Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.

James 2:1 – My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.

Ty shared how three coworkers welcomed him to a new job by inviting him for coffee, lunch, and dinner. Those simple acts of hospitality helped him feel included. God shows no favoritism. We're called not only to invite people in but to help them feel seen, valued, and connected.

DISCUSS:

- When you've been new to a group, what helped you feel welcomed and included?
- What's the difference between inviting someone in and helping them genuinely feel like they belong?
- What are some practical ways we can help people feel included in our LifeGroup and church, even beyond Sunday or group gatherings?

5. PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

Impression. Invitation. Inclusion.

Which of these three areas comes most naturally to you, and which is most challenging?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE: Ask God to bring to your mind someone that He would have you take an intentional step to help them experience the love of God and His family.

Share with the group.

Pray that God would help you represent Jesus well, give you opportunities to invite others in, and make your LifeGroup a place where people feel welcomed, valued, and included.

PRAYER: Share prayer requests and pray for one another