

CITYGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



Fall 2018 – This Is Us

#CityGroupsTally

Week of November 25, 2018

REMINDERS for leaders:

- We have 2 weeks left of group meetings. The last meeting for this semester will be next week (Week of December 2nd). Encourage your group members get together during the holidays. Some ideas are, getting together for a Christmas party, going out to eat together, finding ways to be on mission in Tallahassee together and/or another way to fellowship during the Christmas season.
- This is the last week of our “This Is Us” series. Following this series Dean will take us through select texts from Isaiah in leading us through Advent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Fall Schedule:** The last week Fall Groups will meet is December 2nd (the week following Christmas on the Moon).
2. **Connect 101 & 201:** The next Connect 101 is slated for 12/9 from 4:00-5:00pm at the Sessions campus.
3. **Chirtmas on the Moon:** COTM is scheduled for December 2nd. We will have three services, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, and 7:00pm.

BIG IDEA:

God has delivered us!

PRAY: Ask the Lord be present in your meeting, convict and encourage where needed, and lead your discussion with grace.

READ: Colossians 1:9-13

HEAD (20 minutes)

Context: The church in Colossae was being exposed to heresy (heresy that questioned Christ's supremacy and sufficiency-Colossians 2:8-15) and Paul was writing to the church in Colossae to encourage them in what they knew to be true. He starts off this letter by reminding the church of what God has done and in light of what He has done for us, what are we called to do as the church of God.

1) What do we, as saints and heirs of Christ, have that gives us this transforming power every moment of our lives? Read Ephesians 1:13,14. The Holy Spirit.

2) Sometimes, we don't understand the weight of the "darkness" that our lives were in before following Christ. Read Colossians 2: 13-14. What are some graphic terms Paul uses to help us understand the gravity of this "darkness" or our sin? (dead, certificate of debt)

- **What word picture did he paint to explain exactly what Christ did with our sin?** He erased our certificate of debt by nailing it to the cross

HEART (15 minutes)

1) When you hear the word "saint," what do you think of? Sometimes we think of someone who is extremely pious or perfect; lives a life of radical self-sacrifice, etc.

- **When you realize that YOU, as a follower of Christ, are a saint, verse 12, (meaning you are consecrated to God, holy, pure, reverent), what does that elicit in your heart?** Humble gratitude, a desire to persevere in striving to live a holy, consecrated life despite our failures, desire to honor God

2) How do we typically think of our relationship with God? *Sometimes we think He is this impersonal ruler of the world; our personal genie; old grandfather in the sky.*

- **Read Galatians 4:1-7. How does this change not only affect how we view God but how we live our lives?** *He is our Father who loves us more than anyone could love us*

HANDS (15 Minutes)

1) Read Colossians 1:9-12. In light of what God has done for us, what are we called to do? Pray for others; be filled with knowledge of His will; bear fruit; give thanks.

2) What are some ways that we can pray for others?

- James 5:13- pray for those experiencing trouble
- Matthew 5:44- pray for those who persecute you
- James 5:15-16- pray for healing for those who are sick
- 1 Timothy 2:1- pray requests and thanksgivings for others

3) In Ephesians 2:10, he says we are called to good works. What are some "fruit" that we can produce in our lives when we accomplish these good works? Galatians 5:22-23. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control

4) Can you give an example of something going on in your life right now where you can "bear fruit"?

PRAY: *Pray that God would be glorified by the fruit we bear as a church.*