



## COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE INSTRUCTIONS

When Jesus called His disciples in Mark 3:13-15 He called them “so that” they could be with Him and be sent by Him. This is the life of a follower of Jesus, to dwell with Jesus, that we might love Him, learn from Him, and be sent by Him with the hope of the gospel. We, like the disciples, are invited to follow Jesus with other disciples. This is the hope and purpose of your group!

We know each of your groups are different. How much time you have, how many kids you have, how many times you meet in a month, who meets on which weeks, etc., can all be different. We hope these guides are simple enough that you can adapt them to your group, whatever their needs may be! We know you know your groups well, and we trust you to discern how best to divvy up your time and what will serve them best.

These guides will be broken into three sections each week: Pursue, Practice, and Proclaim. Each section will serve a different purpose. You can find a brief synopsis of each section’s purpose below.

- **Pursue** | During the “Pursue” portion of these guides, we hope to help your group pursue knowing Christ more deeply through the assigned text for the week. Your group will be given 3-4 questions to dive deeper into the big idea of the text. The hope is that these questions will be heart oriented and designed for your group to discuss together. Consider beginning your group with prayer and time to read the week’s scripture together before jumping into the questions.
- **Practice** | During the “Practice” portion of these guides, we hope to help your group respond to the text each week by practicing spiritual disciplines given to believers and to Christian community together. These may vary weekly but will include things like prayer, confession & repentance, accountability, encouragement, and other various activities.
- **Proclaim** | During the “Proclaim” portion of these guides, we hope to help your group consider how they can take what they have learned and practiced in their biblical community to the other communities God has placed them in. Similar to being called to *be* with Christ, we believe obeying Him as He sends us is vital for our discipleship. From week to week, this section may vary in how it encourages your group to grow in this way. It could include prayer, conversations, outreach, encouragement to others, evangelism accountability, prayer for missionaries in light of the text, etc.