Community Group Leader Guide

For the Week Of November 6, 2023

Sermon Series: The Church - Week 2

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Announcements:

1. **Women's Ministry Bloom Pop-Up:** November 11-17, a time for women to connect spiritually and socially. More Info https://clifec.com/women/)

2. **Blake's Run:** Saturday, November 11, 2023, our annual 5k/10k fun run. More Info https://clifec.com/blakes-run/

3. **Missions:** Trips go live on October 29, 2023. Consider signing up to serve. [More Info](https://clifec.com/missions/)

Icebreaker:

1. What are you looking forward to the most in the last couple of months of 2023?

Quick Review:

The sermon this week moved from Genesis to Revelation showing that from the very beginning, the heart of God has been about reconciling humanity back to Himself.

Make It Personal:

1. A large portion of the message was centered on the fact that God keeps his promises. In light of that, what's one promise that God has kept towards you?

2. The last two teachings that Jesus gave before he ascended into heaven involved reaching the world with the Gospel (Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8). In what ways have you felt challenged to live this out?

Go Deeper:

3. The sermon mentions the scattering of the early Christians and the role of figures like Saul (later known as Paul) in spreading the Gospel to the Gentiles. How did this scattering serve God's purpose, and what can we learn from it today?

4. The Bible uses the term "covenant" to describe the binding agreement between God and his people. What's the difference between a covenant and a contract?

5. In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus says that "You are the light of the world..." What implications does this have on your everyday life?

Action Steps:

1. We ended the message this week with a challenge to GIVE, GO, AND/OR PRAY. In what way(s) are you personally putting this week's message into practice?

2. We often make evangelism more complicated than it needs to be! What simple steps can you take to share your faith with the world around you this week?

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray that God would give you opportunities to be a "light to the world" around you this week.

2. There are 17,446 unique people groups in the world. 7,391 are considered unreached. Pray for the unreached people groups around the world.

Feel free to use this guide to facilitate discussion in your community group. Modify the questions as you see fit.