

Community Group Leader Guide

For the Week of August 11 – 17

Sermon Series: More like Jesus

Watch the Leader Video and find all your resources online at

<https://clifec.com/community-group-resources/>

Need to watch the sermon? Check out our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@CommunityLifeChurch>

Announcements:

Journey Groups

Our Journey Groups ministry is launching on August 19th at our Forney, Sunnyvale, Rockwall, and Kaufman campuses. If you've been facing challenges you can't overcome, these groups are here to help. We gather to share our experiences of living in a broken world, offering mutual encouragement and seeking God's guidance for the changes needed to live fully in His will. Whether you need support in marriage, are battling addiction, or just feel stuck, this is the place for you. Information is available today in the lobby. Visit [<https://clifec.com/care-and-support/> for more details.

CG Leader Training

Attention Community Group Leaders and Aspiring Leaders! We are excited to announce a special four-session study designed specifically for Community Group leaders. Whether you have been a CG leader for years or are considering starting a new CG, this training is for you! You will learn new insights, gain valuable skills, and be encouraged along the way. Plus, it's a great opportunity to have fun and get invested in by your campus pastor.

When: Starting the week of August 11

Who: All current and aspiring CG leaders

Why: To grow, learn, and be inspired Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to connect with your campus pastor and fellow leaders. Mark your calendars and join us for a time of growth and encouragement!

Icebreaker:

Have you ever tried to emulate a certain fashion style? What was the worst fashion trend you ever bought into? Bonus points if you have photographic evidence for the group later!

Quick Review:

On Sunday, we began a brand new sermon series called 'More like Jesus' that is based on John Mark Comer's book *Practicing the Way*. We talked about how Jesus calls us to more than simply 'belief' and how the emulation of his life will touch every area of ours..

Make It Personal:

1. How would you define the word "Christian"?
2. How does the concept of "The Way" differ from present-day Christianity?

Go Deeper:

1. Read Luke 9:59-62 together. What does Jesus' interaction with those who hesitated to follow him teach us about discipleship?
2. Read Matthew 4:18–22 aloud as a CG. What observations can you make about the disciples' response to Jesus' call? What did they leave behind?

Action Steps:

1. **Be With:** Cut away time to be with the savior daily. Have a plan about when you will meet together.
2. **Become:** Let your time with the Savior change you into His Image.
3. **Do:** Walk as he walked! Live a life that emulates the savior in thought and action!

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for our students and teachers as they go back to school this fall. Pray for their upcoming school year and that God would walk beside them throughout it.
2. Pray for transformation for our church as we embark upon this new series to become more like Jesus.
3. Finally, pray for your CG! As summer ends and a new season begins, pray that they will remain faithful to following Jesus with whatever this new time will bring.