

Community Group Leader Guide

For the Week of August 18 – 24

Sermon Series: More like Jesus, week two

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 [c|Life Care and Support](<https://clifec.com/care-and-support/>) for more details.

New Service times

We are thrilled to announce that we are adding new service times at 3 of our campuses starting September 8th! We want to open up seats for people to meet God and experience His goodness. Check out the new service times below!

Kaufman: 8:30 AM | 10AM | 11:30AM | 5PM

Rockwall: 8:30AM | 10AM | 11:30AM

Canton: 8:30AM | 10AM | 11:30AM

Icebreaker:

What's the most ridiculous fact you know that sounds fake but is actually true?

Quick Review:

We're continuing in our 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. In week two, we specifically focused on how the discipleship process begins with being *with* Jesus and how that can be a reality through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Make It Personal:

1. What does it mean to you to be with Jesus, not just follow His teachings?
2. In what ways might your current lifestyle be limiting your ability to fully be with Jesus? How can you restructure your life to prioritize this relationship?

Go Deeper:

1. Read Mark 1:35 together. What are some observations you can make about this short verse?
2. How does the concept of "being with Jesus" challenge the way you currently practice your faith? Are there areas where you feel more like a "Christian" than a true disciple?
3. Reflecting on the Rabbi/Disciple relationship, how does the intimacy and commitment required by a disciple contrast with modern understandings of following Jesus?

Action Steps:

1. Set aside dedicated time each day to simply be in the presence of Jesus through prayer or meditation.
2. Identify one area of your life that needs transformation and commit to working on it with the Holy Spirit's guidance.
3. Practice intentional moments of silence and stillness, inviting the Holy Spirit to speak into areas of your life where indecision, fear, or apathy reign.

Prayer Requests:

1. **Pray for a deeper awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence** in our lives, asking God to help us cultivate a closer relationship with Jesus by being continually attuned to His guidance and presence.
2. **Pray for the courage to embrace holistic transformation**, asking God to reveal areas in our lives that need to be reshaped according to Jesus' teachings and for the strength to surrender fully to this process.
3. **Pray for a renewed commitment to discipleship**, asking God to help us move beyond merely practicing Christianity as a set of beliefs and to reorient our lives around following Jesus with our whole hearts, minds, and actions.