

Community Group Leader Guide

For the Week of September 1 – September 7

Sermon Series: More like Jesus, week four

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:

1. Community Group - Join a Group

Looking for community? This week, we are connecting people looking for a group with open spots. Not sure where to start? Join us at a mixer to meet new people and connect with others.

Go to clifec.com/everyone

2. Bloom Worship Night

Mark your calendars for Monday, Sept 9th, 6:30-8:00 PM! Guest speaker Elizabeth Woodson will inspire and challenge you in your faith. Childcare is available with reservation. Don't miss this chance to grow—see you there! clifec.com/women

3. New Service Times

Exciting news! Starting Sept 8th, we're adding more service times:

- **Kaufman:** 8:30 AM | 10:00 AM | 11:30 AM | 5:00 PM
- **Rockwall:** 8:30 AM | 10:00 AM | 11:30 AM
- **Canton:** 8:30 AM | 10:00 AM | 11:30 AM

Consider switching to an earlier or later service to help make room for more people to encounter God. Let's keep making space for everyone!

Icebreaker:

If you were in charge of inventing a new public holiday, what would it be called, and how would people celebrate it?

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. This past week, we specifically focused on how we *do* the work that Jesus did and how we draw on the power of the Holy Spirit in order to propel us.

Make It Personal:

1. How can you integrate gospel intentionality into the various areas of your life (work, family, hobbies, etc.)?
2. What are some areas in your life where you find it challenging to "do as the Rabbi did"? How can your group support you in those areas?
3. How does your daily routine reflect your commitment to being a disciple of Jesus? Are there specific areas where you can make more room for the Holy Spirit to work?

Go Deeper:

1. **Read John 14:12** together as a group. What does Jesus mean by "greater things" in this passage?
2. **Read 2nd Corinthians 5:20** aloud as a group. How does this verse connect to your modern context as a parent, employee, spouse, etc.?

Action Steps:

1. **Make Room for the Spirit:** Dedicate time each day to inviting the Holy Spirit into your life and allowing Him to guide your thoughts, decisions, and actions.
2. **Preach the Gospel:** Share the good news of Jesus Christ with others through your words and lifestyle, actively looking for opportunities to speak about your faith.

3. **Demonstrate the Gospel:** Live out Jesus' teachings in practical ways by serving others, showing compassion, and embodying Christ's love in your interactions.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us in recognizing opportunities to do as Jesus did daily.
2. Pray for boldness in sharing the gospel, even when it's uncomfortable or countercultural.
3. Pray for our hearts to be more open to abiding in Jesus so that our actions bear eternal fruit.
4. Pray for wisdom in balancing the demands of life with the call to live like Jesus.