



Leader's Growth Group Homework Guide

For the week of December 3-9, 2018

(This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing & leading your group in discussion)

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1. The living Word of God is the primary text here. Invite the group to settle into silence for a period of no less than one and no more than five minutes. Ask an appointed person to keep time and then to read the Scripture passages shared on weekend service. Allow at least one minute of silence following the reading of the Scriptures.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

14 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace

2. Invite anyone from the group to respond to the hearing of Scripture by answering these prompts: What did you hear? What did you see? What did you otherwise sense from the Lord?

3. Moving in an orderly rotation (or free-for-all), invite people to share reflections and implications for discipleship from the week's readings. For the first gathering, it could be helpful to have each person answer the question What are your expectations or experiences of Advent?

Other questions for discussion could include:

Q. How did the Scripture and devotional readings this week inspire, challenge, or change your idea of Advent and Christmas?

Q. What did you find, encouraging, surprising, or affirming in the readings?

Q. What did you find difficult, corrective, or warning? What did you see or learn?

Q. Where do you sense the Lord leading or calling you to participate in his mission? What would that look like?

Allow group conversation to proceed at will. Limit to one sharing item per turn, with multiple rounds of discussion.

4. Invite each person to share a single discipleship or mission intention for the week ahead. At each person's turn, he or she is invited to share how their intention went during the previous week. The class or group can close their meeting according to their established patterns, or create a new one.

Prayer Requests:



Growth Group Community Service Project

We ask every group to take on at least one service project a year (the ideal is two) and to have at least one social gathering (potluck) per half a year. Please consider with your group members of what community service you'd like to participate in. There is a project list made by our church that you can join in and outside the church.

Prayer Requests: [Please take time to pray](#)