

DEEP DIVE

WEEK OF July 1 – July 7 / GROUP TIME GUIDE

This guide is given to aide in the facilitation of leading your small group. It is only an aide for you to experience Christ together.

Prayer: Begin your time in group together by inviting God to be with you. Ask Him to change you as you seek Him and study His Word together. Ask him to use everyone in the group to encourage, challenge, and teach one another.

Bible Study:

1. This week we continued our series DEEP DIVE by completing our study of Psalm 145:8-9. Last week we focused on the reality that God IS, God is Unchanging, and that God is Gracious. This week we looked to the rest of the passage to continue answering the question, “*What do these verses tell us about God?*” The first thing we learned was: “*God is Merciful.*”
 - a. **How is it that God is able to be merciful towards us?**
 - b. **What is the difference between grace and mercy? How do we see it expressed in Christ?**
2. Secondly, we learned that, “*God is Slow to Anger.*” From this Pastor Vance gave us the Life Application: “*God is always patient towards us.*”
 - a. **Read Romans 2:4, 2 Peter 3:8-9 – what is the aim of God’s patience towards us?**
 - b. **What should our response to God being slow to anger be?**
3. Thirdly, Pastor Vance taught, “*God is Great in Lovingkindess.*” This word is used to describe how God is utterly faithful. No matter what we’ve done, big or small, God’s love for us has not changed – because he is faithful!
 - a. **Read and discuss this quote of Clyde Cranford, “*Our security rests not in our ability to hold on to Him but in His ability to hold on to us.*”**
 - b. **Pastor Vance gave us a life application of: “*God is always faithful, even when I am unfaithful.*” How does this reality impact our daily lives and relationships with the Lord?**
4. Lastly, we learned what it meant for God to be “*Good to All.*” This part of the verse informs us that whether or not you are a believer, you experience in some capacity the divine blessing and favor of God.
 - a. **How do nonbelievers experience divine blessing and favor from God? (food, sunrise, rain, etc.)**
 - b. **The life application given was: “*Today is the day to respond to the goodness of God in salvation.*” How should this impact us personally towards those that do not know the Lord?**

DON'T FORGET! We are memorizing the entire 145th Psalm. Spend this week memorizing verses 10-12 as a small group as well as in your God Time daily. We'll see how you do next Sunday! 😊