

DEEP DIVE

WEEK OF July 29 – August 4 / 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 had Pastor Travis teach on Psalm 145:17. Out of this verse we learned two things about God's character. God is Righteous and God is Kind. Before we jump into some questions about the text, share with the group how this series has impacted you and your understanding of who God is. **How has Psalm 145 improved your relationship with God?**
2. The first thing we learned about God's character was: God is Righteous. Out of this point we learned that God's righteousness is displayed through His Word and His ways.
 - a. **Discuss this quote, "God's laws are not given because He is out to get us; they are given because He knows what is best for us"**
 - b. **How do we see Gods righteousness in his Word and His ways?**
 - c. **If God's ways reveal to us how life is to be lived, how should that affect our view of his Word and Ways?**
3. The second aspect of God's character we looked at was: God is Kind. From this point we looked at the overrated virtue of kindness. As it relates to God, kindness is God displaying his merciful and gracious character towards us out of no obligation.
 - a. **What does it mean that God is under no obligation to act kindly toward us?**
 - b. **Why then does God act kindly for us?**
4. God's Kindness is expressed by how He relates to us and cares for us. God relates to us as our Father, pastor Travis demonstrated this through these five words: redemption, reconciliation, justification, forgiveness, and adoption. This means that as a follower of Jesus, there is nothing I can do to make myself more acceptable or less acceptable to God. Furthermore, God cares for us by providing, directing, and correcting us.
 - a. **How does God being our Father let us live in the truth that our performance doesn't affect our acceptance?**
 - b. **How is God's discipline a way we see the kindness of God? What does it look like for God to discipline his children?**

DON'T FORGET! We are memorizing the entire 145th Psalm. Spend this week memorizing verse v. 17 as a small group as well as in your God Time daily. We'll see how you do next Sunday! 😊