

Week of December 15, 2019 Preparing Our Hearts for the Savior

IMPORTANT NOTE for the Facilitator - During the week before the meeting contact all members of your group. If anyone was absent last week, send a copy of the Guide for this week. **You also must complete a Guide.**

This will be the last DiscipleGroup guide for 2019. If you plan to meet anymore in December, have a Christmas gathering/party. If you choose, you may skip this lesson and have a Christmas gathering instead.

Take time to pray for each member of your group. Continue thinking of a blessing you might share with each member of the group during the Christmas season.

Encourage your group to spend time on the scripture passages, Galatians 3:23 through 4:5 and to respond to the questions from the Guide BEFORE the meeting time. There is no assigned memory verse this week. Encourage your group to review all their previous verses.

Open in Prayer and Welcome/Introductions

Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines (Confidentiality, Don't Rescue Don't Fix, No Crosstalk, Use Humor Responsibly, Give Everyone a Chance to Share, Use "I" Statements.)

DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS

- At the last gathering we talked about Old Testament promises for the Christmas Season. Are there any more thoughts on that?
- How did your relational investments go this week? Where do you need help?

Go over this year's memory verses: Luke 4:8, 4:31-32, 4:43, 5:10b-11, 5:12-13, 5:24, 5:32, 6:5, 6:12, 6:20-21, 6:27-28, 6:37, 6:45, 7:9, 7:14-15, 7:47-48, 8:15, 8:16, 8:21, 8:25, 8:38-39, 8:49-50, 9:23-24, 9:35, 9:44, 9:48, 9:62, 10:2, 10:20, 10:41-42, 11:9-10, 11:23, 12:4-5, 12:15, 12:47-48, 12:57, 13:3, 13:29-30, 14:11, 14:23, 14:26-27, 15:10, 16:14-15. (Pick random verses to review.)

Our passages for this week Galatians 3:23 through 4:5. Ask someone to read the passage.

Ask the group to share their responses to the following:

- How has God spoken to you this week through this passage?
- What are your goals for spiritual growth and for discipling for the coming year?
- What will you specifically do to grow more as a **disciple**?
- What will you change in order to be a better **discipler**?
- Ask people to divide in twos and pray personally for each other. As you close, pray for each family represented.

Ask someone to summarize or retell the passage. Encourage the group to keep reviewing the verses.

Hand out Guides for the next passage in Luke. Luke 16:19-31, The Rich Man and Lazarus. Encourage your group to read Luke 1 through 16 during the holiday season.

Close in Prayer.



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Guide

During the week prior to your group meeting, spend some time studying the assigned passage: Galatians 3:23 through 4:5. How has God spoken to you this week through these passages?

What are your goals for spiritual growth and for discipling for the coming year?

What will you specifically do to grow more as a disciple?

What will you change in order to be a better discipling?

There are no assigned memory verses this week. Go over your verses for this year and note the verses you need to review. Plan to read Luke chapter 1 through chapter 16 during the holiday season. Luke 16:19-31, the Rich Man and Lazarus, is the first story for the new year. Why not memorize the story during the holiday season?

Remember to take this guide with you to the group meeting.