

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE**Fellowshipping, Reviewing & Praying***Fall Semester 2021***FELLOWSHIP WITH EACH OTHER**

1. Spend a bit of time catching up a fellowshipping.
2. Give God thanks for the ways he's growing us up into Christ.

REVIEW PURPOSE OF COMMUNITY GROUP

Review the purpose of CG and spend time in prayer for CG.

1. The overarching mission of Restoration Church is to make disciples that delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ (in Washington, DC and beyond.)
2. CGs help us do that by focusing on: Maturity, Mutual Care, and Mission. Remind the group of the three main purposes of CG then briefly discuss each purpose.
3. **Maturity**
 - a. What does it mean to be a MATURE or maturing Christian?
 - b. How does CG foster maturity?
4. **Mutual Care**
 - a. How Does Community Group foster MUTUAL CARE?
 - b. What are some ways you've seen this at work in our CG?
5. **Mission**
 - a. How Does Community Group foster MISSION?
 - b. What are some ways you've seen this at work in our CG?

PRAY FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Take time to pray for your CG and all other CGs. Below are some suggested ways to pray. Perhaps you could print them out and have various people pray accordingly. That's only a suggestion so feel free to pray as you see fit.

- **Unity in the Gospel:** That every CG member would put gospel unity above personal preference.
- **Maturity in Christ:** That we would help each other grow in Christ-likeness.
- **Mutual Care:** That we would care for each other both physically and spiritually.
- **Mission:** That CGs would be a place where non-Christians hear the gospel and a place where we encourage each other to advance the gospel.
- **Community/Family:** That there would be a deepening sense of family among all the members of our CG.
- **Vulnerability:** That our CG would be a place where sins are confessed and the gospel is humbly and appropriately shared with each other.

- **Conversions:** That the Lord would use CGs (and all of Restoration's ministries, both corporate and personal) to bring people to faith in Jesus.
- **Multiplication:** That the Lord would bring so many people to our CG that we would have to start another CG by the end of the year.
- **Delight:** That the Spirit would cause every person in our CG to find great delight in loving and pursuing Jesus.

APPLY // PSALM 62

Main Idea: Life is hard. Wait for and trust in the Lord so we don't lose hope.

1. Read Psalm 62.
2. How does David's experience map on to our lives?
3. What enables David to wait for God alone and trust him always?
4. Discuss the various words used to describe God in this passage? How does this give us help and hope in our waiting?
5. In verse 5 David does some self-exhortation. In verse 8, he addresses God's people. Why do we need to address ourselves and others in our waiting and trusting? How do we do this at Restoration Church?
6. How does Jesus embody Psalm 62?
7. How does the hope of heaven inform our waiting?

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // PSALM 2

Main Idea: Blessed are those who take refuge in God's Son.

1. Read Psalm 2.
2. According to verses 1-3, what's the posture of the world toward the LORD and against his Anointed? Who is the LORD's Anointed?
3. How do verses 1-3 picture sin?
4. In verses 4-6, how does the LORD respond? What does this tell us about the character of the LORD?
5. Verse 8 speaks of the nations and the ends of the earth being under this King. How does this tie to the story line of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation? How does this promise tie to redemption in Jesus?
6. According to verse 10, what's the conclusion based on the promises of verse 8-9?
7. What does verse 12 mean when it says, "Kiss the Son"?
8. How does this Psalm end? What does it mean to be "Blessed"? What does it mean to "take refuge in him"?