City Group Resources

BIBLE STUDY

God's Word *FOR YOU* Series Knowing the Bible Series — Crossway Publishing The Bible Project — thebibleproject.com

CHRISTIAN LIVING

The Burden is Light — Jon Tyson
The Prodigal God — Timothy Keller
Seek First — Jeremy Treat
The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry — John Mark Comer

EVANGELISM

Gospel Fluency — Jeff Vanderstelt Saturate — Jeff Vanderstelt The Gospel Comes with a House Key — Rosario Butterfield Everyday Church — Tim Chester A Meal with Jesus - Tim Chester Suffering — Paul Tripp

JUSTICE

Generous Justice — Timothy Keller The Prodigal Prophet — Timothy Keller Prophetic Lament — Soong Chan Rah The Color of Compromise — Jemar Tisby

MARRIAGE

Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts — Les Parrott and Leslie Parrott Sacred Marriage — Gary L. Thomas
The Meaning of Marriage — Timothy and Kathy Keller

PRAYER

Answering God — Eugene Peterson Prayer — Timothy Keller Hearing God — Dallas Willard

To Our City Group Leaders...

Leading an Online City Group

Here is a simple structure that is really easy to use for your group times and one we'd highly recommend you go with. All you really need to do is select a passage of scripture that you think will be particularly meaningful for your group.

I'd recommend a passage that is about 7-10 verses long.

- Quick Check-in: How is everyone doing in general?
- Bible Study & Discussion
 - Read the passage: What does the passage say? (Observation)
 - o Read the passage again: What does the passage mean? (Interpretation)
 - Read the passage again: What does the passage mean for me/us?
 (Application) Or in other words, why does it matter?
 - o Read the passage again: How does the Gospel inform what we learned? Or how does the Gospel of Jesus solve the problem that has been raised?
- · Coronavirus engagement:
- (Remember that that the virus will cause people to get sick, but many people might be struggling financially or unsure how they will make childcare or other aspects of their life work. We want to engage with all of this.)
 - o Thinking through our Circles of Influence:
 - How are the seniors or other vulnerable people in our HC doing? How can we/you serve them?
 - How are the seniors or other vulnerable people on each of our individual blocks doing? How can we/you serve them?
 - How are the seniors or other vulnerable people you're relationally connected to doing? How can we/you serve them?
 - Are there any immediate wider initiatives in our neighborhood or city happening that we need to be aware of?
- Time of Prayer

Coaching: Use UP, IN & OUT as your grid

Even in times of crisis, we want to think and pattern our life after the life of Jesus. This sounds like a small thing, but thinking through the structure of UP, IN and OUT and reminding people of this is hugely helpful for bringing some clarity and sanity to what can feel like chaos. As you are leading this City Group and in other areas of your life, ask these questions of yourself and encourage others to do so as well:

- UP: How does God want to care for me today?
- IN: How can I care more for my spiritual family today?
- OUT: How does God want me to live out the Gospel today?