

COMMUNITY GROUP WEEKLY DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of January 23, 2012

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These weekly guides focus on the upcoming sermon passage to provide guidance through the sermon text. We desire these guides to be utilized in our Community Groups to seek understanding and application of the passage within a community.

COMMUNITY GROUP TRAINING

Jan. 29th, Feb. 12th, Feb. 19th – 4-5:30 – St. George’s Chapel

This Sunday is the beginning of our equipping class for Community Group training. Our hope is to teach and empower every person in our congregation to embody the values of Gospel Enjoyment, Intentional Community, & Prayerful Mission.

- January 29th – Gospel Enjoyment
- February 12th – Intentional Community
- February 19th – Prayerful Mission

We strongly encourage people to attend all of them and invite you to join us. Please [RSVP](#) on our website. <http://www.apostlesnyc.com/event/2012-01-29-community-group-training/>

LAST WEEK’S SERMON – Signs – Jesus The Healer

During Epiphany we are going through a series titled Signs: Seeing the Glory of Christ looking at the 7 signs performed by Christ in the Gospel of John. This past Sunday, JR preached from John 5:1-18 on Jesus being the provider of physical healing, spiritual healing, and cosmic healing.

- JR mentioned that miracles and signs of healing are often hard for us believe signs still exist. Why do you think that is the case?
- JR highlighted scripture in 1 Corinthians 12 and in Acts showing the signs are to be used for the common good and asked the question, “Why not now, in our day?” What spiritual gifts would you like to see exercised throughout the church and which ones are you open to you exercising?

THIS WEEK’S TEXT – John 6:5-15

This Sunday, JR will be preaching from John 6:5-15 which recounts the feeding of the five thousand. Spend some time this week reading, journaling, praying through, and discussing this passage.

GOSPEL ENJOYMENT

Centering on the gospel and celebrating the finished work of Jesus.

- In John 6:14-15, people saw this sign as confirmation that Jesus Christ was a prophet and even desired to make Him king. How does this story cause celebration within you as it did in those who were there?
- What ways does this sign reveal the glory of Christ?

INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY

Shared rhythm of life by the Spirit of God for the mission of God.

- Jesus used the provisions within the community to provide for the needs of the whole community. How can your Community Group display the same generous mindset to care for one another?
- What spiritual gifts do you think are in this community group to provide for the needs of one another?

PRAYERFUL MISSION

Bringing the light and love of the Gospel to our neighbors, city, and world.

- Christ’s signs were performed among the disciples and among the world. In the same way, God wants us to use our gifts for our world. How can your Community Group bless your neighborhood through your spiritual gifts?