

COMMUNITY GROUP WEEKLY DISCUSSION GUIDE Week of January 30, 2012

DON'T WALK BY & APOSTLES HOMELESS MINISTRY TRAINING

There are still opportunities to sign up with Don't Walk By to walk street by street in Manhattan to meet and care for the homeless. RSVP on [our website](http://www.apostlesnyc.com/event/2012-01-30-sign-up-now-for-dont-walk-by/). (<http://www.apostlesnyc.com/event/2012-01-30-sign-up-now-for-dont-walk-by/>)

Equip Class: Loving the Homeless – Save the Date – February 26th, 4-5:30pm, St. George's Chapel

Following Don't Walk By, Jessica Fasnacht will be leading an equipping class focused on assisting the homeless in everyday life. We all see and interact with the homeless on a regular basis, but often feel helpless when it comes to assisting them appropriately. Save the date to attend with your Community Group to be trained in loving the homeless in our city.

COMMUNITY GROUP TRAINING

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

We have two Sundays left 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.

- February 12th – Intentional Community – Spiritual Gifts. Gospel Counseling. Community Rhythms.
- February 19th – Prayerful Mission – Evangelism. Mercy & Justice. Multiplication.

It was great see a number of people attend our first training, some with a number of people from their Community Group. Your entire Community Group is welcome to attend these next 2 trainings. Please [RSVP](#) on our website.

<http://www.apostlesnyc.com/event/2012-01-29-community-group-training/>

LAST WEEK'S SERMON – Signs – The Power & Compassion of Jesus

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 6 on Jesus' power and compassion shown through the feeding of the 5000.

- The disciples showed indifference and apathy towards the crowds. How have you seen similar attitudes influence your ability to love the crowds of New York City.
- We were challenged to become a community of love and prayer. Which of those areas do you think you need to grow in most? How do you think you can grow as a Community Group in these areas?

THIS WEEK'S TEXT – John 9 – The man born blind

This Sunday, JR will be preaching from John 9 on the story of the man born blind.

GOSPEL ENJOYMENT

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

- Jesus emphasized the purpose of this man's birth & condition is God's works through him. How would seeing your birth and condition for God's purposes change the way you approach community, work, and caring for the needs of the city?
- 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.

- The prevailing views of the Pharisees and scribes caused fear in the man's parents, but did not sway the man's faith. How does the prevailing views of Jesus in our city influence you? How can a community of believers assist you most in your faith?
- What would you love to see God do in your Community Group through faith and spiritual gifts?

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?