

Creekside LifeGroup Study
Sunday, October 11th, 2020
It's GO Time!

LEADER NOTES

Hey LifeGroup leaders! This week's study will focus your group in on our God-given mission to GO into our world and point people to Jesus. God is preparing the world to listen. He always has been, and will continue to do so especially through seasons like a pandemic. He prepares the world to listen because he's always preparing his church to speak. So what role are we as individuals to play in this? Let's dare to trust his prompting and have courage to take that next step with someone.

ICEBREAKER: Time to GO!

"Time to GO!" Remember hearing your mom or dad call out these words to you when you were a kid? What was your family schedule like growing up? Were you part of a family that was always on the go? Was your family more into hanging out at home? How did this part of your growing up experience shape how much you are on the go today? Share this part of your past with your group.

STUDY:

For our study time, let's dive into Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. As we read about their interaction and the result, we'll gain three insights into how God works in us to go on mission for Him.

1. God is always preparing the world to hear

READ: John 4:1-8 The Samaritan Woman at the Well

Q – Tim pointed out that God is always preparing the world to hear about Jesus. How was God doing this in the Samaritan woman?

Leader Note: God is the One who prepares us to listen. He did this in the Samaritan woman by bringing her to the place where she would meet Jesus. Notice that when she spoke with Jesus, she was surprised He would talk with her (vs. 9) was inspired by His invitation to her (vs. 15) and was convicted by her need for a Saviour (vs. 17-18). Long before her divine appointment that day at the well, God had been at work in her heart, preparing her for this moment.

Q – How have you seen God preparing people around you to encounter Jesus? Share an example of this with your group.

LEADER NOTE: God prepares people through our circumstances, both good and bad. He prepares us through our relationships with others. God prepares us by His gentle nudging in our hearts. If you have a specific story of how God has prepared someone you know, take opportunity to share your story with the group.

2. God is always preparing His people to speak

READ John 4: 35-38

Q – What key words or phrases do you see Jesus giving here about how He prepares His people to speak?

LEADER NOTES: In John 4:35-38 we see how Jesus prepares His people to speak for Him. He says “wake up” “look around” “the fields are ripe for harvest” “what joy awaits both the planter and harvester ...”! Jesus is at work in His people today, waking us up to the world’s need for Him, giving us eyes to see the world as He does, a world that needs a Saviour. Jesus gives great joy and happiness to those who get involved in His harvest field. He prepares us by calling us to experience these moments of saying – “Wow, God used me!”

Q – How do you see God preparing His people to speak over the past 6 months of the COVID pandemic? What unique opportunities have we been given?

LEADER NOTES: One of the great ways God has been preparing us to speak is through opportunities to engage people in a time of uncertainty. Turmoil in our world can confirm in our hearts the importance of our faith and the need our world has for Jesus. One exciting way God has prepared us is through digital engagement. Creekside has seen new people engage with our online Sunday services and programs over the past several months. He is preparing us to bring His message of hope and care to our world.

3. God has a mission for you to fulfill

READ John 4:28-30, 39-42

Q – Note the result of the Samaritan woman’s encounter with Jesus. She goes to tell her people and they respond! What actions or words do you see in these verses that give insight into how the Samaritan woman fulfilled her mission?

LEADER NOTES: The Samaritan woman made sharing Jesus a top priority. She left her water jar at the well and ran back to the village to tell everyone there about Him. (vs. 28). She invited people to come experience Jesus for themselves (vs. 29). The people believe in Jesus as a result of a direct encounter with Him. (vs. 42)

Q – Tim’s sermon title is, “It’s GO Time!” What might it look like you to go on mission for Jesus this week?

PRAYER

Creekside supports the N Family who serve in aircraft maintenance and ethno-musicology with Wycliffe in Southeast Asia.

Jason & Erin and their 3 kids are currently here in Waterloo on Home Assignment and the girls are all in school.

Covid has disrupted their normal connections and activity while here in Canada. Stay tuned for an opportunity to hear from them coming in November!

In the meantime please pray:

That Jason and the girls can get a new visa before Christmas. Currently no new visas are being issued due to COVID19. Erin needs to be back on the field for her visa extension by the first week of January. It would be best if we could all go back together.

The N family needs to top up their financial support going into their next term of service. Please pray for provision for this!