



Small Groups

Small Group Discussion Guide

When Mercy Appears

Part 4- Beyond The Tomb teaching series

John 21: 1-17

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In this passage, the disciples encounter the resurrected Jesus while they are fishing, in the middle of their ordinary life. It was unexpected and they didn't know how to react. They found out, just as we have, that when Jesus reveals something about Himself, it's because He is teaching us about who He is and how we can be more like Him

Opening Question: Would you rather live without the internet or live without air conditioning or heat?

- 1. God meets His people when they are gathered together. Although God does meet us individually, there is a different needed dynamic when we meet together**

Psalm 133: 1–3 New International Version (NIV)

1 How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

2 It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

3 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Hebrews 10:25 New International Version (NIV)

25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Matthew 18:20 New International Version (NIV)

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Question: How do you experience God differently in a group vs. when you are alone? Why is it so important for us to gather together?

Question: Who in your life has permission to call you out and point you toward Jesus when you can't see clearly? And who are the friends you call out and point to Jesus when they can't see clearly?

2. The Word of God allows the people of God to know the will of God

Psalm 119:11 New International Version (NIV)

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

“You will never be able to know what God’s plan is for your life if you don’t listen to what He has to say to you” - Pastor Brian Howard

How do you KNOW the will of God? A good way is to read your Bible daily – It’s God’s Word for us.

Question: Do you have a plan for reading your Bible, or do you just do it when you get around to it? What plan has worked for you?

Share your Bible reading plan if you have one. If you don’t, go to the Bible App and pick one now. OR you can use Pastor Shawn’s devotional plan on Calvary’s website. Give each other permission to ask about it next time. (Remind everyone it’s okay if they miss the plan now and then. Encourage them to just pick it up again.)

(Additional Resource – Method for Devotional Reading: SOAP)

- Use a daily Bible reading plan. A good one is the “Life Journal Reading Plan” (you can find it on the “You Version Bible App”)
- “S” Find the daily time you are best able to be quiet with God and read the Bible reading for the day (20 minutes)
- “O” Write down, in a journal, the verse(s) that impacted you as you read (15 minutes)
- “A” Write down, in a journal, your observation of how / why the verse(s) impacted you (15 minutes)
- “P” Pray and talk with God about what He showed you through the verse(s) and your observation (15 minutes)
(times are approximate and will vary. This is a great pattern to follow whether you are alone or in a group)

The resurrected Jesus wants to meet with us in the routines of our life so we can:

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen”. 1 Peter 3:18