

Community Groups are used extensively as the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering and run on a quarter system. There is one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. During the summer weeks we don't meet in Community Groups but we still offer the Growth Guides as a tool to help you grow personally. The Growth Guides are designed to help you dig deeper into the weekly sermon on your own or with your family and are available each week along with the note sheets at church as well as online.

COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE BETTER WHEN MEMBERS COME PREPARED. THIS GUIDE HAS BEEN PROVIDED AS A TOOL FOR THAT.

Consider...

Use the summary and discussion below to review and apply this week's message:

Message Summary

Broken signs can often communicate wrong messages, and this week we saw that what we do with the Light of Christ goes a long way toward making sure that we are communicating His message clearly. The Big Idea says that our lives illuminate His message, and in order to be the best signs that we can for the gospel, Paul pointed out three things that we need to do with the light.

1. We need to **RECOGNIZE** the light
2. We need to **RECEIVE** the light
3. We need to **REFLECT** the light

Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- What takeaway – if any – did you have from the message this week?
- Have you ever misread something simply because you couldn't see clearly? What are some things that can keep us from seeing clearly? Read Luke 6:39-42 and discuss things that we can't do (or at least shouldn't do) if we can't see clearly.
- Read John 6:41-42. What happened when the Jews didn't recognize who Jesus was and the authority He had? What can we learn from that?
- In Luke 19:1-10, we find the story of Zacchaeus (we'll look at this in more depth when our True Story series continues next year!). What happened in verse 6? How did receiving Jesus lead to change in Zacchaeus' life? Would you say that he reflected the light of the gospel well after receiving Jesus? What evidence is there of this in verse 8?
- Who are you reflecting the light of Jesus to in your life right now? A family member? A co-worker? Friend at school? Close your time together by praying for each other to be the best signs of the gospel possible!