

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

One thing that we know for sure about battles and storms is this: in the middle of the storm can be chaotic and violent, and it's so easy to lose sight of the victory that we know we're fighting from. While it may be tempting to begin to study the enemy in hopes of winning the battle, it's far better to SEE THE KING Who has already defeated the enemy, because when we see Jesus, we'll begin to see battles differently.

1. **Where do we see Jesus?** Like Peter in the boat in a storm and 3 Hebrew men in a fire, we are most perfectly positioned to see Jesus when we're in the battle! (That alone can change your perspective on battles!)
2. **What do we see when we see Jesus?** A creator who holds everything together. A redeemer who bought us back from slavery to sin and restored us as sons and daughters of God. A King who wars on our behalf and before whom EVERY knee will bow – seen and unseen!
3. **How do we see Jesus?** We look up to Him in worship, we lift Him up in community and we love Him in others by serving them.

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?
- Read Ephesians 6:14. How does truth serve to anchor us and help us stand firm? What do we learn about truth in the following verses: John 8:32; John 17:17; Psalm 145:18; 2 Timothy 2:15.
- According to John 16:13, who leads us into truth? How can truth prepare us for the “things that are to come?”
- How does Psalm 119:160 describe the Bible? Is it possible to stand firm in the battle without a daily commitment to reading and mediating on God's word? Why do you think we try to?
- Paul discussed 4 Greek words that the bible uses for redemption, and talked about how Jesus is a redeemer, rescuer and restorer. Which of those resonated the most with you? Why?
- Which of the 3 things that help us see Jesus – worship, community and serving – is opening your eyes to see your King the most right now?