



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.

USE THIS GUIDE TO PREPARE FOR THE DISCUSSIONS IN COMMUNITY GROUP.

Consider...

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

The Big Idea

God's plan from the beginning was to fill the empty places.

Message Summary

This week we're starting a brand new series called "Remix" that focuses on how God's original message has been (and will continue to be) carried in new ways throughout the generations. God hasn't called us to write a new song (a remix has to still sound like the original), but He is doing something new in our time that is unique to us. Our role is to be careful that we don't lose the original song (the message of the gospel) as we proclaim it in new ways to our generation. This week's message showed how God has desired to fill the earth with His glory from the very beginning. Even now, as it seems that our world is filled with many other things - a pandemic, racial tension, hate, and anger are a few of them - He fills us with His glory so that we can fill the empty places with His glory.

Discuss

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

- On a scale of 1-10 (1 is a mess and 10 is immaculate), how clean do you like things to be?
- Read Luke 11:24-26. What is your reaction to the fact that being "swept clean and in order" wasn't a good thing? How does being unoccupied leave us vulnerable?
- Paul mentioned a ton of things that God wants us to be full of: prayer, praise, power, the Word, thankfulness, the Spirit, even the very fullness of God Himself! Which of these is something you feel "filled to overflowing" with? Which is running on empty?
- Paul made the comment that God's plan was that we would be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. Since this command was given before Adam and Eve sinned, we know God wanted the earth filled not just with people, but with people who reflected the image and glory of God. Where do you see God's glory missing in the world today? How can you fill that empty place with His glory?