

COMMUNITY GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

June 6-7, 2026

WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

PURPOSE: We are here as a group to make and multiply disciples.

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

RELATIONAL WARMUP: What's a bridge you've crossed that you still remember? What made it stand out to you?

SET THE STAGE: Jesus' invitation, "Come to me...and I will give you rest", shows us the heart of Gospel-shaped care. Jesus welcomes weary people with gentleness and compassion. As we learn to receive His care, we begin to reflect that care to people in our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, and church community. Often, that care becomes a bridge through which others encounter Jesus.

READ THE PASSAGE: Matthew 11:25-30

HEAD QUESTIONS: In what ways is Jesus a bridge to the Father?

What do these verses tell us about Jesus' relationship to the Father?

The Father reveals Himself to people the world passes over. What posture or attitude seems important?

What stands out to you about the way Jesus invites weary people in verses 28–30?

HEART QUESTIONS: "Come...take...learn...find rest." Which word in Jesus' invitation most appeals to you right now? Why?

A note on Jesus' culture:

Jesus lived in a farming culture, so everybody understood what a "yoke" was and how it was used. Two oxen were typically yoked together to plow fields. Hand-carved, wood yokes were fitted to each animal to make their work easier. A young animal would be yoked to a mature animal that knew the work and could pull the greater part of the load. Jesus invites us to be yoked with Him—to walk with Him, learn from Him, and discover rest alongside Him.

How does this picture of being yoked with Jesus deepen or change your understanding of His invitation?

HANDS QUESTIONS: Does an area of your life feel especially heavy right now? How might you bring it more honestly to Jesus, who walks beside you?

What opportunities do you see in your life where your care could become a bridge to faith for someone?

TAKEAWAY

CLOSING PRAYER