

COMMUNITY GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

March 21-22, 2026

WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

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

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

RELATIONAL WARMUP: If you had an extra hour in your day, how would you spend it?

SET THE STAGE: The disciples begin today's passage confused and "in the dark". Soon after this teaching, Jesus will die on the cross and rise again. The darkness of the cross would seem threatening to the disciples, like everything was ending. But with Jesus' Resurrection, light would flood into the world and into His disciples. The disciples would understand Jesus, and the story of history, on a whole new level. As we look at today's passage, we'll hear some key encouragements that Jesus leaves the disciples with, as he guides them in a movement from darkness to light.

READ THE PASSAGE: *John 16:16-24*

HEAD QUESTIONS:

What are the disciples confused about in this passage? How does Jesus respond to their confusion?

What example does Jesus use to help the disciples to make sense of this moment in time? What can we learn from this analogy?

This passage contrasts sorrow and joy. Who experiences these emotions? And how are they connected?

HEART QUESTIONS:

What does joy mean? Where does joy come from?

Can you share about a time in your life when you were aware of joy in Jesus amidst hard circumstances?

What do we learn about prayer in this passage?

How can we make sense of the times when we do not seem to receive what we have prayed for?

HANDS QUESTIONS:

Is there someone in your life who may be in a moment of uncertainty? How can you take a step to BLESS them this week?

How can we make space to notice the joy of knowing Jesus?

TAKEAWAY

CLOSING PRAYER