

TAKING IT HOME:

Father, in Jesus' name, I thank You that You are instructing me in the way I should go and that You are guiding me with Your eye. I thank You for Your guidance and leading concerning Your will, Your plan, and Your purpose for my life. I do hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, for I know You and follow You. You lead me in the paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Amen

MY WEEKLY PRAYER PAGE:

My group's prayer requests:

LIFE GROUP SERMON GUIDE

For the week of November 3, 2019

ROOTED: PART 8 - "GUIDANCE"

Pastor Lambert Sikkema
Acts 15:22-35

KEY PRINCIPLE: Guidance is all about living into the glorious life of hearing God's voice and obeying God's word to be "conformed-to-the-image-of Christ"

Guidance as a spiritual discipline is all about knowing the ____ of God.

The children of God know the _____ of the Shepherd v. *John 10:4*
How?

KNOWING GOD MEANS:

- ⇒ Knowing His _____
- ⇒ Knowing His _____
- ⇒ B _____

But the voice of God is not the only one we hear v. *Eph. 6:12*,
2 Cor. 11:14, and *1 Peter 5:8*

Therefore we must _____ the spirits to see whether they are of God
v. *1 John 1:4*
How?

MODELS FOR OBTAINING GOD'S GUIDANCE:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

LIFE GROUP TIPS ON GROUP PRAYER

Prayer is an important part of being in a Life Group, but it can also be intimidating. We find that group prayer goes better when we don't require everyone to pray and we keep our prayers short and simple.

Pi²
PRAY • INVEST • INVITE

MY Pi² LIST

P
PRAY
PRAY DAILY FOR THOSE ON YOUR Pi² LIST, PROVIDENTIAL MOMENTS, AND FOR OPPORTUNITIES, BOLDNESS, AND CLARITY.

i
INVEST
INVEST AND BUILD AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS AND REAL FRIENDSHIPS WITH THOSE ON YOUR LIST.

i
INVITE
INVITE THEM TO THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF COMMITMENT (ATTEND CHURCH, LIFE GROUP, GO OUT FOR COFFEE, TRUST IN CHRIST).

FAMILY MEMBER _____
FRIEND _____
CO-WORKER/CLASSMATE _____
NEIGHBOR _____

Life Group Homework

For the week of November 3, 2019

QUICK REVIEW:

As you reflect on your Sermon Guide Notes for this week’s message, what was one key take-away that you’d like to discuss with your group?

GUIDANCE

“Perhaps the preoccupation with private guidance in Western cultures is the product of their emphasis upon individualism. The people of God have not always been so.” *Richard Foster*

GOD’S STORY / OUR STORY

Read: 1 Peter 2:9

Is the idea of guidance as a corporate discipline new or strange to you? Why?

Read John 17:20-26

It is easy to understand how God guides us individually, but how does he guide us corporately?

If living in guidance comes through entering into a friendship with God, to know and desire His ways, what in your life may be hindering your ability to deepen your intimacy with Christ? Ex. Activities, Relationships, Work, etc.

Read: 2 Chronicles 5:13, Acts 4:31, 1 Corinthians 5:4

Many examples in scripture show how the Holy Spirit moved through God’s people. Do you believe that God moves in corporate gatherings in this same way today? Why? Why not?

Have you ever experienced anything like the above passages in your own life?

Read Exodus 19:9-19

If God revealed himself to you as a fiery cloud, how would you feel? What would change in your life if you heard and saw God speak through the fire?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read John 17:20-26

What are some ways that God provides us to move forward together in unity to carry out the mission that He has given to us?

Read: Matthew 18:19-20

How should the idea of guidance influence the ways we carry on with business in our churches?

Read Acts 15:1-19 & Matthew 18:19-20 (again)

What issues, now troubling your church, could be resolved by looking at them through the lens of genuine unity and the gospel of Jesus Christ?

ADDITIONAL SELF-STUDY (Optional)

“The will of God is discovered as we become acquainted with God, learn His ways, and become His friend. As we do this, God will take us right where we are and produce in us the winsome fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (*Gal. 5:22-23*)

- *Richard Foster*

Spend some time this week focusing in the Word as you work to better understand how the Lord is guiding your path. Share with your group any takeaways you may have.

SUNDAY: The Family likeness / Romans 8:14, 28-30

MONDAY: The polestar of faith / Hebrews 11

TUESDAY: The guidance of divine Providence / Genesis 24:1-21

WEDNESDAY: The guidance of justice and obedience / Isaiah 1:17, 18-20

THURSDAY: Led into all truth / Proverbs 3:5-6, John 14:6, 16:13, Acts 10:1-35

FRIDAY: Closed doors, open doors / Acts 16:6-10, 2 Corinthians 2:12

SATURDAY: Listening or Resisting? / Acts 21:8-14

