



Sermon Discussion Guide

Christian Lindbeck - The Work of a Shared Life Community
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Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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Hook - Getting to know one another

1. Where are you currently participating in God's mission? Think outside the box. From the small to the large... friendly to checkers at the grocery store? Give a dollar to the person on the corner? Planning a missions trip to a foreign country?
2. Where do you see shared life in your day to day? Existing communities, work, family time?
3. Where is it hard to see shared life community? Desk job, day to day business, commuting, driving kids around, doing homework.

Book

1. Reread scripture from Sunday and identify aspects of shared life community.
 - a. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
 - b. Hebrews 5:12
 - c. Ephesians 2:10
 - d. Romans 12:4-6
 - e. Acts 2:42-47
2. What are some ways that shared community were expressed through these passages?
3. Spend some time brainstorming or looking up sections with other "shared communities" in the Bible. Identify similarities to the early church or to now. (The Israelites, the disciples, etc.)

Look

1. Reflect on this statement that was made today. Spend time talking about how you see this in both your personal lives, the church, and the world.
 - a. "We are called into a global and eternal kingdom. He draws us in and gives us to one another in local bodies of believers that share life and the common work of the mission."



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2. How can our day to day efforts fit together with others on the path to shared community? Keep in mind that shared community doesn't mean our entire church body but can mean the broader Christian world or just our own families.

Took

1. What season are you in right now? A season of new participation? Looking for ways to use your skill, loves, and passion to engage with the church and the community? Or are you in a season of pulling back. Realizing that your overcommitment in certain areas is affecting yourself and your community. How do you plan to adjust?
2. What makes it hard to be a part of shared community? How you're perceived? How much work you have to do? Time of day it happens at? What keeps you from being completely present with community?
3. Spend some quiet time, outside or inside, kneeling or walking, journaling or thinking. What is the next step for me to sharing life on a deeper level alongside Christ? Slow down or engage more. Share as you are led.

Time of Prayer