



Sermon Discussion Guide

Christian Lindbeck-Our Identity as a Shared Life Community

September 11, 2022

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. Talk about an activity that switched from being in person to being online during Covid-19. What did you like or not like about this change?
2. Talk about an activity that you participated in frequently before March 2020 but that you no longer participate in now. Answer the question "will you go back to doing that activity regularly now?"

Book

1. Read Ephesians 2:12.
 - a. How did God bring us near to him when we were far away? Was it from a distance?
2. Read Acts 2:42-47.
 - a. What was the significance of believers "being together"?
3. Read Romans 16:16
 - a. What is the significance of the command to "greet one another"?

Look

1. "We think that comfort and convenience will bring happiness and forget that only love can do that." — Debasish Mridha.

Discuss this quote in relation to the idea of life in physical community versus separate from physical community.

2. What has been missing from your Christian community over the past 2 years?
3. What needs to change to get back to doing life together in person?



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Took

1. Read Acts 2:42-47 this week and meditate on what this means for your life in Christian community for 2022-2023. Pray and ask God to show you how to live into his call for you to do life together with others.

Time of Prayer