



TJC LIFE GROUPS

GOD IS
OMNIPRESENT

JANUARY 16TH - 22ND

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INSTRUCTIONS

- TJC Life Groups are a time and place for us to **connect** and **learn** to better **follow** Jesus together while **abiding** in Him.
- Life Groups focus on connecting, learning, following, and abiding to grow as disciples of Jesus and take the Gospel to others.
- Group Meeting:
 - Connect (15 minutes) – Ask everyone in the group to share one thing they're thankful for and one challenge from the previous week. These will become prayer requests for the end of the meeting. They ask how they GREW (ie. reading daily, knowledge, obedience, submission, etc.) and where did they GO (who did they share their testimony or the Gospel with). It may take time for participants to take these steps. Be patient but challenge them to grow and go.
 - Learn (30 minutes) – A time to learn from Scripture and learn from each other. Have two different people read the Scripture (preferably from two different versions of the Bible) and then have the group retell the story in their own words. Complete the Discovery questions and if you have time, complete the Go Deeper questions. Encourage everyone in the group to provide input.
 - Follow (15 minutes) – A time to commit to growing and going based on what you learned. Discuss how you will grow and where you will go over the next week.
 - The time for each section is an estimate. You can spend longer on each one if you have time.
- Daily Abiding:
 - There are five days' worth of reading materials to encourage daily abiding.
 - Praying: Finish your reading time in prayer. A good prayer model you can follow is A.C.T.S.
 - A = Adoration – Tell God what you adore about Him.
 - C = Confession – Spend time confessing sin and commit to repenting from that sin.
 - T = Thanksgiving – Spend time telling God what you're grateful for.
 - S = Supplication – Spend time praying for others. It may be easy to make a list of people you want to pray for. You can also use the prayer requests from your group time.
 - Encourage your group to develop a daily reading and praying time if they don't already do that.

- **GO DEEPER:**

- How is God's omnipresence both comforting and disconcerting?
- What does Jesus see in Nathanael other than just his location?
- Why does our sin make us want to flee from God even though we can never get out of His presence?
- What difference would it make if God were not omnipresent? How would that change how you relate to Him?



ABIDE DAY 1



- **FOCUS:** Everywhere
- **DEVOTION:** God isn't zipping around at the speed of light from place to place nor is he some type of spirit just floating around everywhere. This Scripture tells us that He fills heaven and earth. He is Spirit and he fills everything. We can't fully understand what this means but we do know that it means that we can never hide from Him. This should bring joy to the Christian since we know He is never far from us in our suffering.
- **SCRIPTURE:** Jeremiah 23:24
- **DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:**

- What does this teach me about God/Jesus or His plan?

- What do we learn most from the people in the story? Who do you identify with the most? Why?

- What do we learn about obeying God/Jesus from this story?

- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to repent from?
- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?



- **FOCUS:** Near to Everyone
- **DEVOTION:** This verse shows the intimacy of God. He breathed life into Adam’s nostrils. This wasn’t some long range command to give Adam life from across the galaxy. God was face-to-face with Adam. Close enough to breathe into his nostrils. God is near to us all the time. We are the ones that put distance between ourselves and Him. We may be afraid of what He will ask us to do or give up, we may be ashamed of our sin, we may think we don’t need Him. Whatever the reason, God is waiting for us to draw near to Him (James 4:8).
- **SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 2:7
- **DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:**
 - What does this teach me about God/Jesus or His plan?

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- What do we learn about obeying God/Jesus from this story?
 - Is there a promise to claim?
 - Is there a sin to repent from?
 - Is there a command to obey?
 - Is there an example to follow?



ABIDE DAY 4



- **FOCUS:** Everywhere you go
- **DEVOTION:** This verse describes the benefit of God being everywhere and our responsibility due to that. This command isn't only for Joshua. The same words are used in Isaiah 41:10. God is always with us, therefore, we should not be afraid and we are assured that He will strengthen us. This brings comfort and should also bring conviction.
- **SCRIPTURE:** Joshua 1:9
- **DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:**
 - What does this teach me about God/Jesus or His plan?

- What do we learn most from the people in the story? Who do you identify with the most? Why?

- What do we learn about obeying God/Jesus from this story?
 - Is there a promise to claim?
 - Is there a sin to repent from?
 - Is there a command to obey?
 - Is there an example to follow?



ABIDE DAY 5



- **FOCUS:** In your midst...
- **DEVOTION:** We have been focusing this week on the fact that God is everywhere all the time. We can't escape His presence. This may cause us to want to shrink away from God at times but today's verse shows the comfort God's presence brings and the joy. He is a mighty God that will save the sinner that calls out to Him. He is a loving God that rejoices over and even sings over the believer. Think about that right now. The God of the universe is rejoicing over you and singing over you. May that realization draw you even closer to Him and deeper into His presence.
- **SCRIPTURE:** Zephaniah 3:17
- **DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:**

- What does this teach me about God/Jesus or His plan?

- What do we learn most from the people in the story? Who do you identify with the most? Why?

- What do we learn about obeying God/Jesus from this story?

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