



TJC LIFE GROUPS

GOD IS ETERNAL

JANUARY 23 - 29

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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:**

- What do the verses in John 1 tell us about Jesus?
- What does the eternity of Jesus teach us about God's plan for salvation?
- What do the verses in Genesis 1 tell us about God's control over time?
- Read Hebrews 13:8. What does this verse about Jesus teach us about the eternity of God?



- **FOCUS:** Everlasting
- **DEVOTION:** The word *eternal* means "everlasting, having no beginning and no end." Psalm 90:2 tells us about God's eternity: "Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." Since humans measure everything in time, it is very hard for us to conceive of something that had no beginning, but has always been, and will continue forever. However, the Bible does not try to prove God's existence or His eternity, but simply begins with the statement "In the beginning God..." (Genesis 1:1), indicating that at the beginning of recorded time, God was already in existence. From duration stretching backward without limit to duration stretching forward without limit, from eternal ages to eternal ages, God was and is forever. www.gotquestions.com

- **SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 90:2

- **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 2



- **FOCUS:** Outside of time
- **DEVOTION:** *God dwells in eternity but time dwells in God. He has already lived all our tomorrows as He has lived all our yesterdays. An illustration offered by C.S Lewis may help us here. He suggests that we think of a sheet of paper infinitely extended. That would be eternity. Then on that paper draw a short line to represent time. As the line begins and ends on that infinite expanse, so time began in God and will end in Him. The Knowledge of the Holy - A.W. Tozer*
- **SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 1:13-16
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ABIDE DAY 3



- **FOCUS:** I AM
- **DEVOTION:** Jesus is declaring his deity in this verse. He is proclaiming his eternalness to the Pharisees. Before Abraham existed, Jesus was. This is important for us to grasp and trust. Jesus lived 2,000 years ago. If he's not eternal then we can't trust that he is actively interceding for us right now or that our salvation is secure. But, we can trust Him because not only is Jesus declaring his everlasting nature but that he is the very God that we worship.
- **SCRIPTURE:** John 8:58
- **DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:**

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- **FOCUS:** Everywhere
- **DEVOTION:** God isn't zipping around at the speed of light from place to place nor is he some type of spirit floating around everywhere. This Scripture tells us that He fills heaven and earth. We can't fully understand what this means but we do know that it means that we can never hide from Him. Not only can God see everything we do but He also knows our hearts (Jeremiah 17:10) and our thoughts (Psalm 94:11). It can seem intimidating that there is nothing that we can hide from God but the believer should also find this comforting. Despite all the sinful thoughts and desires we've acted upon, God still loved us enough to send his Son to die for us and reconcile us to him.

● **SCRIPTURE:** Jeremiah 23:24

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