



TJC LIFE GROUPS

GOD IS JUST

JANUARY 9TH - 15TH

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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. Then 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:**

- Why did Sodom deserve the wrath of God (Genesis 18:20-21)?
- Why did Abraham intercede for Sodom?
- How is Abraham's intercession for Sodom an example for us?
- Were there any righteous people in Sodom?



- **FOCUS:** Goodness
- **DEVOTION:** God’s goodness flows from His righteousness. Goodness is defined as being morally good or virtuous. The problem is that there isn’t anyone apart from God who is good. Even Jesus, when he was called Good Teacher, admitted that only God is good (Luke 18:18-19). God is good because He is perfectly righteous and will punish injustice. He has set the standard for what is good but we will never be able to meet that standard because of our sinful nature (Romans 3:23). Our only hope is to take refuge in God through faith in Jesus Christ. When we do that, the righteousness of Christ is transferred to us and God’s wrath is transferred to Christ. Only then can we be considered “good”.

● **SCRIPTURE:** Nahum 1:7

● **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 3



- **FOCUS:** Justice
- **DEVOTION:** *Justice* is a term used for what is right or “as it should be.” Justice is one of God’s attributes and flows out of His holiness. Justice and righteousness are often used synonymously in the Bible. Since righteousness is the quality or character of being right or just, it is another attribute of God and incorporates both His justice and holiness. We cannot begin to understand God’s justice unless we first understand sin. Sin is lawlessness (1 John 3:4) and iniquity (Daniel 9:4-5; Micah 2:1; James 3:6). It embodies everything contrary to God’s holy nature and is offensive to Him. Thus, sin is a crime against God, and justice demands a penalty of death and separation from Him for it (Romans 1:18-32; 2:5; 3:23). But God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to pay that penalty for us (Romans 5:8-11; 6:23) and made salvation available to all who believe in His name (John 1:12; 3:15-17; 20:31). www.gotquestions.com

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ABIDE DAY 4



- **FOCUS:** Judge
- **DEVOTION:** *The judge is a person with authority. In the Bible world, the king was always the supreme judge, because he was the supreme ruling authority. It is on that basis, according to the Bible, that God is the judge of his world. As our Maker, he owns us, and as our Owner, he has a right to dispose of us. He has, therefore, a right to make laws for us and to reward us according to whether or not we keep them. In most modern states, the legislature and the judiciary are divided, so that the judge does not make the laws he administers; but in the ancient world this was not so, and it is not so with God. He is both the Lawgiver and the Judge.*
Knowing God - J.I. Packer

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- **FOCUS:** Justification
- **DEVOTION:** Since we know that God is our lawgiver and judge, and that He is just and will judge sin, it's no wonder that we gravitate towards legalism. "Legalism exists when people attempt to secure righteousness in God's sight by good works." We believe that if we can keep the law well enough then we will have peace with God. If we have enough good works then we will earn our righteousness. But Scripture tells us that our good works are like filthy garments (Isaiah 64:6). The only way to be counted righteous is to put our faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Our faith is what justifies us and gives us peace with God. This doesn't mean we are freed from the law when we come to faith. We still strive to uphold it (Romans 3:31) but we are freed from the penalty that is required for breaking the law.

- **SCRIPTURE:** Romans 5:1

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