

(1) An Opening THOUGHT

“All life is the gift of a Giver so generous that he has given himself.”

J. Andrew Kirk | *What is Mission?*

(2) Read the TEXT Together

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:16-18

(3) Key POINTS

- God gave his one and only Son because he loves everyone.
- God desires salvation, not condemnation, for everyone.
- Salvation is God's free offer to everyone.

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

1 John 4:9

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned... Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.

Romans 5:12, 18

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A WEEKLY GUIDE TO HELP GROUPS FOLLOW JESUS TOGETHER



(4) Looking to the WORD

If you did not read the passages above, read them now.

- What words stand out to you as you read the text?
- Is there anything new, that you did not notice before?
- What themes do you see emerging in the passages?

(5) Looking at our WORLD

Read Matthew 5:2, Mark 2:17, and Romans 3:23-24.

- What do these passages say about sin?
- What does our culture think about sin?

Jeremy mentioned that our culture says, "Save yourself!" through money, health, friends, entertainment, stuff, adventure, success, popularity, etc.

- How have you experienced this?

(6) Looking at our LIVES

Believing in Jesus changes everything and gives us a new future. Take time to think about the trajectory of your life. Share about what Jesus has done in your life.

- Who were you before knowing Jesus?
- Who are you because of Jesus?
- Who are you becoming as a result of Jesus?

(7) Looking AHEAD and PRAYING Together

Here are this week's On-Ramps: (Pick one you want to go after, first)

- If you've never responded to God's free offer of salvation, invite Jesus into your life.
- Express your thankfulness to God for his amazing gift through prayer, journaling and conversations with others.
- In the difficult places in life, invite God's power and thank him for his love.
- Work to posture yourself towards others as God postures himself towards us.

In what ways might you take action on these? Include this in your prayer time.