FOUNDRY GROUP GUIDE

Week of February 27, 2021

Who is My Neighbor: Session 2 "My Neighbor Who is Lonely"

Missed Community Night? Click here to watch last week's Message.

OPEN WITH PRAYER

Gracious Father, you have created us to need you and to need others yet this life is often filled with loneliness and disconnection. In this time together help us see the ways you are always present - meeting us exactly where we are, give us boldness to be vulnerable about our own experiences of loneliness, and grow us to be your children looking after each other. We know Your Kingdom on Earth looks not like loneliness but like belonging – help us each live into that as we welcome others and strive to create belonging for them, also. Amen.

INTRODUCE YOURSELVES & CATCH UP

Anybody here for the first time? Do introductions so everybody is familiar.

Catch up on prayer requests from your last gathering or quickly check in with everyone to see what has happened since you last met.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31–46 (Parable of Sheep & Goats) Luke 10:25–37 (Parable of Good Samaritan)

DISCUSSION

Where do you see yourself in the parables above? Where would you like to see yourself in these stories?

DISCUSSION CONTINUED

We can all agree that everyone experiences times of being lonely. How have you experienced loneliness? Has there been a particular season of loneliness or an area of your life that feels lonelier than others?

How have you seen God show up in lonely places and with lonely people - either for yourself or for others?

Commission Question: Be aware of the people around you. Where do you see loneliness? Be open to the simple, yet meaningful, ways you can show kindness and connection to your neighbor(s).

CHECK IN

Take some time to let people share what's going on in their lives (talk about the good/bad, celebrations/concerns, God sightings & prayer concerns).

The group facilitator should make note of any prayer concerns that are shared and send them out to the group after the meeting for group members to pray over throughout the week.

WRAP UP

Mark Your Calendars -

- Next Foundry gatherings:
 - Community Night Tuesday, March 8th, 6:30pm at University UMC Outdoor Movie Night – Friday March 11th, 6:00pm at Northern Hills UMC *Follow our Socials for More Info and Movie Options!*
- Discuss the next day & time your Foundry Group will meet

Close with prayer!