



# FOUNDRY GROUP GUIDE

Week of May 15, 2022

## **Who is My Neighbor:** Session 6 “My Neighbor Who Lives with Addiction”

[Missed Community Night? Click here to watch last week's Message.](#)

### OPEN WITH PRAYER

Almighty God, we are thankful for your goodness and provision that always meets us where we are. We thank you for this time and these people to do life with and for the ways that you are helping us grow to better love the people around us. Lord, As we share this time together help us be gentle with ourselves and each other, help us hear you leading and guiding us, and help us be open to the ways you are calling us to live differently. We love you and we trust you. 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 the Good Samaritan)

## DISCUSSION

Check in on last week's Commission Question – Did you have an opportunity to do something that helped someone else know they are not alone in their journey? Or, perhaps, were there ways others did that for you – reminded and showed you that you are not alone?

Holly talked about a common narrative that surrounds Addiction, that is NOT TRUE, is that Addicts are bad, immoral, weak-willed people. What neighbors are easily written off as bad, immoral, weak-willed, or even less than? How have you seen and experienced this or even lived into this lie?

Having heard Holly's story, what are ways that you can love people whose lives are affected by addiction that doesn't create shame or hiding and breaks the stereotypical narratives?

Commission Question: Next time you see a neighbor and default to thinking of them as bad, broken, or unlovable, remind yourself that they are, just like you, God's beloved. Practice responding to others in love to rewrite the default story we can easily create.

## 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:

**Trivia with The Foundry** – Join us at The Flying Saucer on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for dinner, drinks, and trivia!

**Last Community Night of Season 2** – Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

- Discuss the next day & time your Foundry Group will meet

Close with prayer!