

PROVIDENCE CHURCH

1. Doing Life

As a church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10, 15). Suggested time: 10-20 minutes

- How are you doing?
- What can you thank God for this week?
- When were you most aware of Jesus' presence this week? When were you least aware of Jesus' presence this week?
- Do you have any practical needs?

2. Jesus Centered

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, show us our sin, and strengthen us as we follow Him (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12, and James 1:22-25). Suggested Time: 20-40 minutes

Primary Passage: Matthew 16:15-23

1. Read Matthew 16:15-23. In verse 15 Jesus asks "who do you say I am?" Who is Jesus to you? Spend some time sharing together who Jesus is to you.
 - Read verse 18. The truth of who Jesus is, is the rock in which he is building his church!
 - It could be really powerful to write down the things everyone has shared for them to see it and connect it to who the church is.
2. What is the church to you? Why should we be committed to a local church?
3. Read Ephesians 2:19-22. How does this passage inspire us? How does this affect the way that we live life together?
4. What are next steps for you personally to become vitally involved and spiritually committed to Providence (or your local church)?
5. On Sunday we talked about how fellowship is sacrifice.
 - In what ways have you sacrificed for our family?
 - Spend time celebrating that and reflecting on ways you have seen God move in the sacrifice!
 - Are there areas where you can sacrifice to engage in the local church? (Providence or your local church)

3. Engaging the Heart

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10) Suggested Time: 10-20 minutes

- How are you doing abiding with Jesus this week in Scripture and prayer?
- What sin do you need to confess to God? What are you struggling to trust Jesus with this week? How can you give Him control of it? (As people confess sin, make sure to remind one another of the good news Jesus offers.)

4. Expanding the Kingdom

Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20) Suggested time: 10-20 minutes

- **People:** Who in your life can you be building with right now? What does that look like during this season?
- **Plan:** Are there any rhythms planned (virtual or in-person) that we can invite these friends into? What spiritual conversations do you want to initiate with them soon?
- **Pray:** Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, opportunities to connect, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.