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**COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Community Group Guide – Feb 7/8, 2026**

## GATHER

**Deeply rooted by sharing life seeking the presence of God.**

This community based context can to heighten your awareness of God's presence in your time together, and give one another space to talk about what's really going on in life.

- **Pray.** Acknowledge God's presence + ask for his help to hear what he's saying through the text.
- **Share a takeaway from the Jan 31/Feb 1 sermon.** "Is there something the Holy Spirit highlighted for you?"

## GROW

**Deeply rooted by being formed through the word of God.**

This biblically based content overlaps with the current weekend teaching at your Northview campus and positions you, as a group, to be shaped by studying Scripture.

- **Facilitate a brief study of 1 Cor 15:50-58**

**Study Step 1: Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58**

Familiarize yourself with this section of verses. (Note characters, commands, key/repeated words!)

**Study Step 2: Understand Their Story**

Ask *observation questions* to understand what the author is communicating to the original audience.

- **Take a look at 1 Cor 15:50-53**
  - In speaking about the resurrected state, Paul emphasizes something will happen to believers. What happens? What reasons does he give?
  
- **Take a look at 1 Cor 15:54-58**
  - Once this change occurs, what does Paul claim will be accomplished/come to pass?
  
  - Where does the sting of death come from? What is the power of sin that brings death?
  
  - Through Christ's victory over death, we live with confidence and courage. What is redeemed for the Christian in verse 58?
  
- *Reflection question: Do you feel victorious in Christ over the sting of death? That is, are you afraid of dying? Discuss this and how Christ's victory can bring comfort.*
  
- Take these observations into the next step below.

### **Study Step 3: Connect To God's Story – (With answer key + leaders notes)**

Ask questions to understand how this text fits in the larger gospel story.

**We've selected a few connections that are here to a) expand on the content of the passage and/or b) clarify the content of the passage.**

- **Read 1 Thess 4:13-18 and Matt 24:29-31**, where the trumpet ( 1 Cor 15:52) is also mentioned. Whose return are the trumpets related to? Who is there at the gathering?
  
- Paul shows that the sting, or pain of death, is done away with in Christ in 1 Cor 15:56-57. Jesus emphasizes how one escapes perishing—the sting of death (1 Cor 15:56)—in the book of John. **Read John 10:27-30.**
  - Though the sheep hears his voice, for the sheep to never perish, what needs to occur?

- Along with Jesus' giving (of eternal life), how are the sheep connected to Jesus?
  
- Why can the sheep be assured of this eternal life?
  
- **For further study on your own:**
  - **Isaiah 25:6-9 and Hosea 13:12-14** to pinpoint the quotations Paul uses in 1 Cor 15:54-55. This metaphorical language—the phrases were written about people that would not be literally saved from death. Paul sees this fulfilled in Christ, where the freedom from death noted will be experienced by those who believe.
  
  - **Rev 21:1-8.** In 1 Cor 15 we see freedom from death and the kingdom of God inherited by believers in Christ. John speaks of this future reality in visions in Revelation.

*Reflection: What imagery has been most helpful to elicit the hope of the resurrection state for you?*

#### **Step 4: Apply To Our Story**

Ask questions to discern what God is telling us to do with the help of the Holy Spirit.

- As noted last week, though the resurrection bodies will come, the resurrection life—eternal life in Christ—starts now. How can you live out the resurrection life of Christ this week?
  
- If the sting of death is gone, Christians do not have to fear death. Many Christians face death fearlessly by the Spirit's indwelling power and presence. Is there someone who is close to death that you could visit this month? If you are a believer, how might you encourage them? If a non-believer, how could you share the hope of the resurrection with them?
  
- Where could you be emboldened in your walk for God this month? (There are no wrong answers. For one it may be to not worry about finding a new job, or money to retire. For another it might be confidence that God is for us regardless of what the opinion of an extended family member, or co-worker, is about us.)
  
- Who do you know that needs victory over sin, and the sting of eternal death? How might you winsomely tell them about the hope of Christ? If they are not already on one, put them on your 5x5x5 card. Spend time in the GO section praying for the

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## **Deeply rooted by participating in the mission of God.**

These culturally relevant applications are meant, with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, to prompt actions that bring the life of God's kingdom into us and out to others.

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- Pray for those far from God that you personally know, by name.
- Is there something that seems especially relevant for us to do personally based on our discussion?
- Is there something we as a group should plan to do together based on our discussion?
- Is there something we as a group should plan to do to spend time with someone who doesn't yet follow Jesus? Or to make/strengthen connections with our neighbours?