# **Small Group Notes**



**Date:** October 26, 2025

# Hang-out time & waiting for arrival

Need an idea?

Announcements <u>mylcc.info</u>

- 1 THIS SATURDAY is the sex ed workshop for parents of children from birth to sixth grade led by Sexual Health Educator Kristen Miehle. More details can be found on mylcc.info.
- 2 Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday. You "gain" an hour because clocks fall back!
- Join us for First Sunday Lunch after the service this SUNDAY! Theme is "chilis and soups", but feel free to bring anything.

### **Icebreaker**

What's a food or clothing item that you prefer to buy the brand name because the generic/knockoff isn't quite the same?

# **Casting Vision**

As important as what we do during our meeting is what we do after. As we meet, take note of one tangible, practical way you can serve or encourage someone in your group based on what you see or hear during your group time.

#### **Spotify Playlist**

**∏** Song: "I Speak Jesus" by Here Be Lions

Intro/Theme: This song emphasizes proclaiming the name of Jesus over situations, aligning with walking in truth and love by declaring His truth and love over our lives and circumstances.

YouTube Link: I Speak Jesus - Here Be Lions (Official Lyric Video)

Week 15 minutes

How was your week? What highs (and lows) have you experienced in the last week?

# The Transition Decision (by half-time) [click if you need a description]

Word 45 minutes

Set the tone

Speaker: Dan Burmeister <u>Listen/Watch Here</u>

**Sermon in brief:** TRUTH MATTERS! John warns the people of his day to hold tightly to the truth

by having solid doctrine and living out their faith in love. Believers should be intentional in avoiding false teaching, having fellowship with the Triune God,

and living in a community that seeks Truth together.

#### Reading and Applying the Word

2 John. (Additional referenced passages include 1 John 3:23-24, 5:20-21; John 8:31-32 14:6-11, 15:9-12; 1 Peter 1:22; 2 Cor 5:21 and Col 2:6-7 for further reading, if desired)

You can always start with a general question, like, "what stood out to you as **Questions** we read this passage?" or "Did you see anything there that you have questions about?"

- 1 In verses 1-2, what characteristics and language do you see around the idea of "truth?"
- 2 In verse 3, what do you notice about what comes from the Father and Son and their relationship?
- 3 In verses 4-6, what is the command given and how is it described?
- 4 In verses 7-11, what warnings and descriptions does John give on the idea of deception (deceivers)?
- In verse 12, what do you notice about John's desires with the recipients of this letter and the benefit of being together?

#### Repent/Believe/Change/Re-envision

#### Passage(s) Same

You can always start with general application questions here as well, like, "what do you think we ought to do about this?" or "so what? Where do we go from here?"

- What are some areas that you are regularly exposed to "untruths"? How are these spaces influencing or shaping you?
- Dan mentioned that the idea that Jesus wasn't fully human was a heresy that was finding influence in the time this letter was written. How does the doctrine that Jesus is fully divine and fully human encourage you in your walk?
- Truth involves BOTH loving and believing. Faith and action. You can believe the right thing, but not practice love or you can practive love, but not believe correctly. How would you say you are balancing those things right now? Is there a situation where you need help leaning toward balance?
- Living in biblical community can be a significant way God can use to strengthen us in truth. As you pray, are there areas that God is revealing as potentially threatening your perception of truth? How can we support you as a group in prayer or accountability in this area?
- 5 What's a truth about God that you want to celebrate right now?

# Win Week 4 Focus: Local Group Mission

10 minutes

Have a group conversation about how the group is involved in the community.

- How are we doing as a group, loving, serving, and coming alongside those in our community?
- What is the next thing we have planned together, and how should we prepare for it? For a list of ideas, click here.

Prayer 10 minutes

Pray for what you heard tonight. Some possible ideas: .

- Celebrate that God has revealed the truth of who He is to each member of the group through the love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit working together perfectly.
- Pray for God to reveal areas of vulnerability in our lives when it comes to being deceived and for courage and wisdom to seek understanding.
- Pray for specific ways to love people in belief and action, both to believers and those yet outside the circle of trusting in Jesus.
- Pray for ways your group can be on mission to be a beacon of truth and light in this dark world filled with much deception.