

Growth Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 21

One Great People of God – a vote for communion and stewardship

Our Scripture: Isaiah 33:5-6

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Where is your “happy place?”

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Philippians 2:1-4 backwards, verse by verse. Listen for a specific word, phrase or idea that speaks to our teaching today. Share that word, phrase and idea with your group.

- How might the thought that captured your attention express God’s desire for humanity in this divided age?
- Which verse reminds us to advocate for “the least of these our brethren,” (Matthew 25:40 KJV) with our votes?

2. How did Jesus function amidst a humanity that had lost its bearings? Read Matthew 14:23, Mark 6:31, Luke 5:16 and discuss your answers.

MEDIA MIX - Contemplative Prayer and the Mind of Christ

Anxious? Angry? Stressed out? Check out these clips and be blessed by prayer as meditation and sitting in the mind of Christ.

1. What is contemplative prayer?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0o5J0-80A0>

2. Is this stuff Christian? This, “Christ and Pop Culture; ounce of Persuasion fast chat,” discusses meditation as a spiritual practice and a form of Christian prayer.

<https://christandpopculture.com/doing-10-minutes-of-nothing-each-day/>

TAKING IT HOME

1. Which of these scriptures might you want to hide in your heart as you enter the voting booth on November 6th? Why?

- Psalm 65:7
- Philippians 4:7
- Isaiah 55:8-9

PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAYER TIME

You are invited to use this prayer meditation as a way to close your group this week. It builds from what we learned in this session's "Media Mix."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2P5XMX5tRI>

Housekeeping

1. This is session 3 of our 6-week fall series. Ask each group member to complete a covenant for our remaining weeks.
2. 6 weeks is a short series, ending with the 11/11 sermon (before Thanksgiving week). What serve event could your group do together in late November or early December?