

# MOTHER'S DAY



New Hope | Small Groups

May 11-17

## **SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES:**

**SAFE GROUP:** everyone can be real, open, and honest with their struggles and victories.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** What is said in the group stays in the group.

**LISTEN:** really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond, or what you are going to say next.

**PAUSE:** Give the person sharing the chance to finish and the group the opportunity to consider what was just shared before responding.

**NO "CROSS TALK":** Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.

**NO FIXING:** We are not here to fix each other. Jesus does that part. Give encouragement; speak truth, and point to Jesus.

**NO RESCUING:** When people are sharing something deeply personal resist the temptation to rescue them by giving advice. This will often cause them to stop sharing.

**SHARING:** Be sensitive about the amount of time you share.

**BE SELF-AWARE:** Be self-aware of how you are personally effecting the environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication.

**USE "I" STATEMENTS:** It's easy to talk about the issues of others, but for our purposes, we want you to put yourself on the table. Try to use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "us", "we", etc.

**CONFLICT:** When conflict or sin issues arise, we want to make sure that we are honoring God and each other in the way we deal with these issues.

## **Small Group Evening Schedule:**

10min - Hangout time

10min - Welcome, Opening Prayer, Group Guidelines, Announcements

10min - Follow-up discussion about Sunday's Sermon

- What is one thing you learned? What challenged you?

## **40min - Storying through scripture:**

In these passages we are encouraged and challenged by God's love, expressed in Jesus laying down His life for us, to encourage and build up each other and bring glory to Him.

### **READ: Colossians 3:15-17**

Why are we first called to peace before meeting with our brothers and sisters in Christ?

### **READ: Philippians 2:1-4**

Discuss how Christ's unity with us, the comfort His love gives us, the fellowship of His Spirit with us, and His compassion for us, helps to guide and direct our relationships.

What is the remedy to selfishness?

### **READ: John 15:5-13**

How do I remain in Jesus?

How does bearing fruit result from the Father giving us what we ask for?

What does loving others as Jesus loves us look like?

### **READ Hebrews 10:23-25**

How does our faith equip us to "spur one another on"?

### **CHALLENGE:**

Look for opportunities this week to encourage, challenge, strengthen someone and join with them in doing good works.

## **10min - Share prayer requests & pray.**

*(one person write requests and email/text to the rest of the group)*

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