

Sermon Based Small Group Guide

March 31, 2019 sermon:

***Hebrews: Jesus is Greater "Transformed relationships"***

**Warm up:** (15-20 minutes)

Questions for discussion:

- 1.) Other than at church, can you think of any other small groups you've been a part of in your life (i.e. Boy Scouts, a sports team, a book club, etc)? How have those small group experiences been similar to or different from your Life Group experience?
- 2.) Peer pressure is really "neutral", it can be a good thing if we pick the right peers and a bad thing if we choose unwisely. Can you think of a time in your life when you made the wrong choice of peers? How did those wrong choices impact your life?

**Digging deeper:** (20-30 minutes)

1. In the message we talked about two of the more than 50 "one another" commands in the New Testament ("spur one another on toward love and good deeds" and "encouraging one another"). These commands can't take place in a large group of casual acquaintances and strangers, but need a small group of committed people (like a Growth Group). Below are a few of the other "one another" verses. After reading each verse identify the "one another" command it contains.

Romans 12:10   Romans 12:16   Romans 14:13   Romans 15:7   Romans 15:14

2. The Bible talks about the vital connection that God wants His people to have with each other. Paul talks (in Romans and 1 Corinthians) about the local gatherings of believers (the church) being like a "body". Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 and talk about the following questions:

- What happens to any part of the human body when it gets "disconnected" from the rest of the body? What does that mean for individuals and their relationships with other believers?
- When one part of our physical hurts, the rest of the body cannot ignore it. What should this tell us about our emotional connection to other believers.

**Application:** (5-10 minutes) For many Christians the church is something they go to instead of something they are. Why do you think so many Christians are willing to settle for a concept of church which is nothing more than a weekly concert with a lecture? Talk about how your Life Group connections have (or maybe have not yet) helped you overcome that concept. Share and pray for each other.