



NEW HOPE

SMALL GROUPS

Connect - Engage - Serve

When God..., Part 1 “When God is Inattentive” Week of November 11th, 2018

Connecting -with your group

As we come to a break in small groups for the holiday season, take some time as a group to talk about something you have learned, appreciated or a person in the group who made an impact in your life. What did you enjoy about your group? What would you like to see change as we enter next year?

Engaging- with the Word of God and others

1. What impacted you from the message? Did you have any questions about the message?

Read Matthew Chapter 11 as a group and answer the following questions.

2. Talk as a group about John the Baptist, what do we know about him? What was difficult about the role he was given?
3. Have you ever experienced hearing from God but having to be patient on the “when”, share with the group. What about a time when you felt you gave everything but did not receive recognition or a reward?
4. What do you believe helped John the Baptist to finish the task he was given, even though he was persecuted and only was with Jesus when he Baptized him?
5. What does Jesus say about John? Focusing on verse 11, who did Jesus say is greater than John the Baptist? What differences do you see Jesus making on how things are viewed on earth versus how they are viewed in heaven?
6. After studying Chapter 11 and hearing the message, what would your response be to the following question; Why are there times when God seems to be inattentive? What advice would you give them to get through that time?

Serving- your group through prayer and care

As we prepare to break, make a plan to stay dedicated, supportive and encouraging to one another. How will your group stay connected, continue fellowship and prayer? Make a plan and a promise to stick to the plan. Pray as a group for God to keep each of you, pray that he would continue to grow His kingdom and your group not only in depth but in width. We want more people in groups but we also want to grow deeper in a relationship with each other.