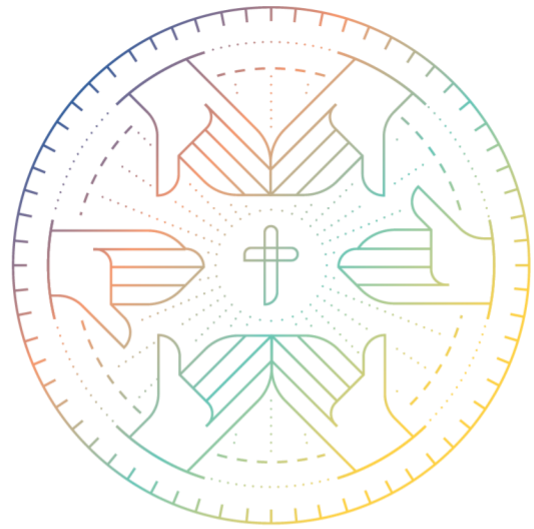


Group Life.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER



ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

Does the idea of having an eidetic (photographic) memory appeal to you? Why or why not?

If you could improve your memory in one particular aspect of your life, what would that be?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

What most stood out to you from Pastor David's message?

How would you describe how this passage helps create for us a "second wind"?

INTO THE WORD (20 MINUTES)

Read 2 Peter 3:1-2, 11-13 and 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6. How do these passages instruct us to live in view of Jesus' Second Coming? What do you find most appealing about the doctrine of Jesus' Second Coming?

Host Guidance: These passages instruct us to live with vigilance, holiness, and expectation. We should be alert and sober, prioritizing godly living while eagerly anticipating Jesus' return. The doctrine of Jesus' Second Coming is appealing because it offers hope, a promise of ultimate justice, and the fulfillment of God's redemptive plan.

Read 2 Peter 3:5-7 and 1 Thessalonians 4:17. How should these verses inspire hope, peace and confidence in us as we look toward the future?

Host Guidance: These verses inspire hope, peace, and confidence by reminding us of God's control over creation and His promise of eternal life with Him. 2 Peter 3:5-7 reassures us of God's sovereign plan, while 1 Thessalonians 4:17 offers the comforting promise that believers will be with the Lord forever.

How does it encourage you today to know that God has had you in His heart from eternity past (Psalm 139, Jeremiah 1:5), and will have you in His heart for all eternity future?

Host Guidance: Knowing that God has had us in His heart from eternity past and will have us in His heart for all eternity future brings profound encouragement. It reassures us of His constant love and intentionality in our lives. This eternal perspective provides comfort, purpose, and confidence, affirming that we are cherished and secure in His everlasting care.

Read 2 Peter 3:8-9 and Romans 2:4. What do these verses teach regarding God's patience? How have you experienced God's patience and forbearance?

Host Guidance: They teach us that God's patience demonstrates His mercy and desire for repentance. God's delay in judgment is not neglect but an opportunity for salvation. Personally, perhaps you've experienced God's patience in times of repeated mistakes, where instead of immediate consequence, He offers grace and time to change.

Read 2 Peter 3:9, 1 Corinthians 5:18-20, and 1 Timothy 2:4. How do these verses shed light on what God is doing in this age, and what we should be doing in this age?

Host Guidance: These verses reveal that God is actively working to bring people to repentance and reconciliation with Him. He desires all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. In this age, we should be ambassadors for Christ, sharing the message of reconciliation, living out our faith, and praying for the salvation of others.

What does it look like for us to live as "ambassadors of Christ"?

APPLICATION (15 MINUTES)

Was there a takeaway from David's message that you are putting into practice this week?

Thinking about your life: where you are today, your career, your family, your future hopes, the challenges or circumstances you face, what do you need to be stirred to remember today?

DAILY THIS WEEK

1 Knowing that God has shown you great patience in your life, look for ways throughout the day to show someone extraordinary patience. If they notice, tell them why!

2 Share your faith story with someone this week. God desires everyone you meet to turn from their sin, turn toward Him, and receive His forgiveness and reconciliation.

3 Keep a short account with God. In view of Jesus' Second Coming at any moment, regularly confess and turn away from sins, seeking His forgiveness and strength to live righteously in every moment.

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Our Savior and Lord Jesus, You are our hope and promise, not just for today but for eternity. Your promise to come again and make all things right comforts us as we look around us. We trust your perfect plan. Thank you for your patience in bringing us to saving faith in You. Empower us to be your ambassadors today. In Christ' name, Amen.