

Cultivate Discussion Guide

INVITED ... To Gather Every Week
November 30 and December 1, 2019

If you missed this weekend's message, view it at cultivate.sc/discussion

Tips for leaders:

- Prepare for your group. Your goal is to choose the questions that will lead your group into REAL conversation about the topics most meaningful to you. It's okay if you don't answer them all!
 - To help everyone follow along, ask them to print the Discussion Guide or pull it up on their phone.
 - If questions remain unanswered, encourage women to work through them as they cultivate God's word on their own throughout the week.
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Reflect: God asks us to gather every week SO THAT we can encourage one another, be reminded of who we are and live out our faith among others who believe. We may not always want to do the things God asks of us – it can even feel inconvenient or uncomfortable – but in His wisdom and love, God looks out for our needs before our wants. How grateful are we that He ALWAYS gives us His best!

#1. Share a time you did something God needed [asked, led, encouraged] you to do vs. doing what you wanted. What did you learn about God? What did you learn about yourself?

We're invited to church so ... we can remember who we are.

“So now we must cling tightly to the hope that lives within us, knowing that God always keeps his promises!”
Hebrews 10:23 TPT

#2: What promise are you clinging tightly to, hoping for or asking God to keep? Maybe you just need to be reminded that God is still working on your behalf. Share, then encourage each other of His promises to you, for you and about you!

We're invited to church so ... we can live in community and not comparison.

“Be free from pride-filled opinions, *for they will only harm your cherished unity*. Don't allow self-promotion to hide in your hearts, but in authentic humility put others first and view others as more important than yourselves. Abandon every display of selfishness. Possess a greater concern for what matters to others instead of your own interests.” Philippians 2:3-4 TPT

#3: How have you seen pride or comparison harm unity? Maybe you've even struggled with self-promotion in your heart. Be REAL – how could authentic humility make or have made a difference?

#4: Share some ways being connected in community has helped you be more understanding, accepting or KIND? Or...share how the kindness of someone in your community has impacted you.

We're invited to church so ... we can contribute and not just consume.

- #5: What are your gifts and how are you using them? Think outside the box - this could include ways you're serving your family, community or church.**
- **Are you challenged to begin to serve or maybe serve in a different way? If you're not sure where or how you can contribute, ask someone you trust what they see you doing.**

Cultivate Prayer: We're invited to church so we can confess sin and celebrate the resurrection. Maybe today you need to bow your heart and confess or maybe it's a day to praise God with a thankful heart. Pray as a group asking God for what you need and celebrating that He is faithful to cleanse, forgive and provide for both the desires of our heart and our greatest needs.

The Cultivate Podcast: Check out December's episode of The Cultivate Podcast as Tammy and Melody talk about REAL ways we can let go of the pressure of the holiday season and pursue the peace that passes understanding. They're sharing their own experiences with embracing imperfection, seeking contentment and practicing presence so we can learn HOW TO: Trade Pressure for REAL peace!



THIS Friday: Grab your group and invite your friends to join us this Friday, December 6 as we gather to experience the REAL kindness of Christmas. Bring your list as we partner with an incredible selection of vendors for giving that gives back to women both locally and globally. Shopping plus sweet treats, KIND community + and holiday giveaways makes for a bright and beautiful evening together. The fun begins at 4pm at Hunter Park!