

COMMUNITY GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

May 4/5, 2024

WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

PURPOSE: *We are here as a group to make and multiply disciples.*

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

WARMUP: *Personal Testimony*

or

Question: What one subject often motivates you to buy a book?

SET THE STAGE: *Our faith has a long history, and it has certainly changed the world. Its theology brought paganism to its knees in the Roman world and quickly spread throughout the world. Long-standing, abhorrent practices and attitudes toward children, women, work, and the infirmed were transformed through Christianity. In recent times, Christianity has often been accused in the public arena of being regressive. Many have concluded that western culture would be much better off without the constraints of Christianity, but nothing could be further from the truth. Our call to live out our faith in our day also carries with it the need to articulate the foundational principles of our faith. In the next few weeks, we will discuss how Christianity makes the world a better place.*

STORY or READ THE PASSAGE: *Genesis 9:1-17*

HEAD QUESTIONS: How does God's judgment of the flood challenge your understanding of His love and grace?
In your opinion, why does God promise not to judge the world with a flood again?
How does western culture reveal a lack of value for human life?

HEART QUESTIONS: On a scale from 1-10, how confident are you in your ability to communicate the many reasons Christianity makes the world a better place? What concerns you about having those types of conversations?
In what ways have you been able to articulate the value of human life in the relationships with which you have influence?

HANDS QUESTIONS: **BLESS**
Can you share an experience you have had sharing your faith with someone who had a very negative view of Christianity? What have you learned from that?

TAKEAWAY

CLOSING PRAYER