



GROUP GUIDE. WEEK 0. WINTER 2019

Our hope for you this winter season is that you can grow in your relationship with Jesus and with others, as we learn to Love Where You Live together.

We believe that sustained life change occurs as we are growing in a relationship with Jesus, and that this happens best when we are prioritizing intentional relationships with others who are seeking this same goal. Community Groups provide us with the opportunity to connect with others, grow in our relationship with Jesus, and experience community. This winter, we are focusing on how our faith goes **out** in love towards others, i.e., to love where we live.

Love Where You Live.

This winter, we're embarking on "Love Where You Live" - an 8-week study focusing on our calling and mission to love our neighbors as God's means of reaching out to the world that He loves. It is meant to align our hearts with God's as we turn outward to the world around us - to *love where we live*.

Let's break some ice.

What is your cookie of choice? Tell us why in as much depth as you can.

Discussion questions from the last few weeks:

1. "The Only Thing that Counts", Galatians 5:6
 1. When have you experienced the impact of someone's "faith working through love"?
 2. How does your faith work through love? What gets in the way of it?
2. "Just As", John 13:34
 1. How have you experienced Jesus' love for you? How has he changed your life, given you life, etc.?
 2. What aspect of the "just as" love challenges you the most (personal / self-giving or costly / servanthood)?
 3. How does the "What Does Love Require of Me?" question challenge you most?
3. "Because", 1 John 4:19
 1. We know we should love because God loves, and yet we don't. What gets in your way? What's your hurdle?
 2. How does your "vertical" and "horizontal" faith relate to one another? How can you connect them more?

Revisiting the Scorecard

On January 13, you were given a 'scorecard' as a tool to focus your "faith working through love" on two people (one close to you, and one not so close). Talk about how it went. Did you take any concrete steps to put your faith into action/love more/differently/better? How so? How did you need to rely on God differently through it?

Your Love Where You Live Workbook:

- Please take one! If you are able, give \$10 to your Group leader or text PCNJ to 77977 to give the \$10 electronically (if electronically - through PushPay - select the "Love Where You Live books" fund).
- There's 4 days of 'bookwork', so start it tomorrow and be ready to discuss at your next Group meeting.
- The more you put in, the more you will get out. So do good work, and expect that God will move in and through you!