

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 7-10-2022

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** What has been the most powerful man made thing you have ever witnessed? Why was it the most powerful?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Luke 8:22-56 The All Powerful and Personal God

Digging Deeper: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

Read through Colossians 1:15-23

1. Review verses 15-18 and name the words which describe "the Son." Which one of these words resonates most with you when you review your life and walk with Jesus?
2. How do these words about who Jesus is explain the power of Jesus?
3. What do vrs 19-23 say about what Jesus has provided for us?
4. What does the term reconciled mean in this context(vs. 20, 22)? How does Jesus' blood reconcile us? Read Hebrews 9:16-22.
5. When did you first understand the importance of Jesus' death, His shedding of blood, to your salvation?
6. In what way would this understanding give you a greater appreciation of the power of Jesus?
7. In your own words, what is the gospel(vs. 23)?

Apply it today: Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?