



WEPC Small Group Network

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WEPC's Small Group Network meets in homes across Richmond every week to participate in Jesus Christ's mission to Richmond, enjoy fellowship, study God's word, pray together, and explore the fruit of the Gospel on our lives. Simply put, these groups are small enough to be the church to one another, and they serve as bridges between WEPC and the community where God has planted us. It is a place where the church can go deeper in the worship of God and further in Christ's mission.

Note to Discussion Leaders: Have members read the Bible passage in the group meeting. This is a "worship discussion" guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. Read through this guide before meeting with the group. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for the time of meeting together, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Sermon: *God is Truthful*

This week, Steve Shelby preached on [Acts 3:22-26](#).

Christmas and Advent Assert for us that God Tells the Truth (see the letter at the beginning of the bulletin)

- Peter wants us to see this morning by telling us that:
 - We need Someone to reveal the truth to us. Truth as disclosure
 - We need a Priest, but we also need a Prophet to tell us the truth
 - We need a new Moses, not just to deliver the law of God, but to show us the way out of our 'wilderness' to the promised land.

There are Three Big Things that the New Moses tells, Reveals to Us

1. We are nothing but dust and to dust we will return, But Jesus will raise that dust up in the Last day to sing songs of victory forever. This is sobering and joyful all at the same time. Therefore waiting for the Second Advent is sweeter because of this.
2. God has designed the world to work a certain way. (Isaiah 28:23-29)
3. That not listening to the New Moses is a big, deadly mistake. Because when He comes again, He will come as a judge ([John 5:25-29](#))

Judge Yourself

- In Daniel, we read, the books will be opened. What is Going to be in Your Book?
- Let's do some judging of ourselves this morning: [1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#) and [1 Corinthians 11:27-32](#) "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world."
- So, I am asking you this morning to judge yourself.
- Judge yourself unworthy in and of yourself to gain the worthiness of Christ.
- Proclaim His death.
- Hear the shattering news this morning that you and I are absolutely judged by works.
- Have you heard that we are not judged by works? That is false. We are indeed saved by works! The question is, Whose works? In the judgment of works, only one man's works avail: the God-man, Jesus Christ, who became man for us, and also suffered our judgment for us.
- Christ the Judge, Himself stood under judgment.

Going Deeper in God's Worship

Reflect on the text together. [Hear the sermon here.](#)

- 1.) What is true about God's character, promises or work?
- 2.) What does the Scripture teach you about yourself or others?
- 3.) Are you encouraged to follow Jesus in His mission? How?

Reflect on the whole of Sunday's liturgy together. Locate this week's [Order of Worship here.](#)

- 1.) Was there an element of the worship service that you would like to share with the group?
 - *A Scripture verse that was read?*
 - *A prayer that was prayed?*
 - *A song that was sung?*
 - *A sacrament that was administered?*
 - *A way that glory was given to God?*
 - *A way that someone encouraged you?*
- 2.) Did the Holy Spirit convict, change, or encourage you in any way you wish to share with the group?
- 3.) Is Jesus leading you or the group to take a specific risk to minister the Good News to Richmond? Your neighbors? Your co-workers? Your family and friends?

Going Further in Christ's Mission

- 1.) Have the Scripture text open in front of you as a guide to your prayers.
 - Spend time thanking God and giving Him glory.
- 2.) Ask the Lord for vision, strength and faith as followers of Jesus Christ.
 - Count on the work of the Holy Spirit for change.
 - Ask for God's forgiveness and grace to repent of sin and trust Jesus.
 - Pray for the world, our country, Richmond, and the Church.
 - Pray for members of your group, family members, or co-workers, neighbors and friends.

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