

Growth Group Preparation Questions

For the week of March 6, 2022

We See: Philippians 2:3-5

Big Idea: We see people for the good of the city.

Goal: Pray to see people as Jesus did.

Prepare

This week we're diving into Philippians 2:3-5 and several other passages asking God to lead us to see people as Jesus did. The personal preparation time and discussion are meant to help us flesh out what we've learned through the sermon and apply it more thoroughly in our lives together.

Watch Pastor Nick's sermon, *We See*, noting anything memorable and impactful as you go.

Read Phil 2:3-5, Gen. 16:13, Matt. 9:35-36; 23:37-39, Luke 8:43; 10:25-37; 16:19-31; 17:11-14; 19:1-5, John 5:1-9

Pray: Father, help us see people the way Jesus did.

Connect

1. What is the last sense you would give up and why?

Discussion Take some time to personally reflect on these questions after viewing the sermon and before your G2. It could make for a great morning devotional time! You can type and save your responses in the FBC app privately if you would like.

1. **Read Matthew 9:35-36, Luke 8:43; 17:11-14; 19:1-5, John 5:1-9.** Which person or group Jesus intentionally saw was most striking to you and why?
2. What does it feel like to be seen? Describe a time when being seen made a significant impact on you.
 - a. **Read Genesis 16:13.** Why does God want us to see people and how do you react to this realization?
3. **Read Matthew 23:37-39** When you look at this city, what is your reaction?
 - a. How would you react differently seeing with Jesus' eyes?

4. Who are some people who live or work nearby, whom you know little to nothing about?
 - a. Consider the stories of the Good Samaritan as well as the rich man and Lazarus found in Luke 10:25-37 and 16:19-31. Who do you try to avoid seeing or pretend you don't see and why do you think you have this tendency?
 - b. What are some of your habits, conveniences, or fears which prevent you from "seeing" others in your daily routine?
 - c. What would it look like to inconvenience yourself to become available to see others?

5. What have you seen the Holy Spirit do in your heart as you pray to see people? If you haven't prayed this yet, why? What do you think the Holy Spirit will do in your heart if you pray to see people as Jesus did?

Closing Prayer This prayer section is a guide to help process with God what you've learned about Him and yourself through the sermon, personal preparation time, and discussion, then seek the Holy Spirit's power in applying it in your life. Sharing these responses in your G2 will help others gain insight into God and themselves while also encouraging toward growth.

Admire: What have you learned about God through this sermon, discussion, and Scripture? Praise Him for it. **Possible response:** God, we praise You because You see all people.

Admit: What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you as areas where you are falling short? Confess it to God. **Possible response:** God, we confess we avoid some people for our own comfort.

Aspire: What is a specific change you want to see in your life or action you and/or your G2 could take based in this time of interaction? **Possible Response:** God, help us see people the way You see them.

Ask: Keep track of requests and celebrations from others in your G2 and pray for them.