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Stand Alone | Sunday, May 31, 2026

(5-10 min) Optional Ice Breaker: If your family had a theme song, what would it be?

LEADERS: Please share these announcements with your home group!

Announcements

Family Dinner

Join us for Family Dinner on Sunday, June 14, at 5pm as we gather around the table as one church family. Pizza, bottled water, and coffee will be provided. You're welcome to bring a baked good or dessert to share (please include a serving utensil). If you prefer not to eat pizza, feel free to bring your own meal. [Let us know you're coming so we can plan for enough pizza!](#) Member meeting to follow at 6pm.

World Cup Gospel Outreach

The World Cup is coming to Dallas this summer, bringing people from around the world right into our city—and it's a great opportunity to share the love of Christ.

We're partnering with other churches for a one-day outreach.

Join us for an Interest Meeting on Sunday, May 31 at 12:30 pm in Conference Room B. If you can't make the Interest Meeting, go ahead and register, and Chad will follow up with you. <https://citizenschurch.com/event/crps65f/world-cup-gospel-outreach-interest-meeting>

Please see previous guides or email groups@citizenschurch for information on Spring Serve Opportunities!



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Read God's Word Aloud

John 21:15-19 (ESV)

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." 19 And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

Discuss God's Word and God's World

Important: *The goal is to use this Guide to spark sanctifying conversation and opportunities for intercessory prayer, not to "get through" every question like a checklist. Feel free to linger on the questions that best facilitate that for your group.*

Start here: *Take a few moments to share and reflect together on what stood out to you from this week's Bible passage and the sermon about it.*



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1. Have you ever experienced failure like Peter did after denying Jesus? What did restoration look like?
2. Jesus connects loving Him with shepherding His people. How do you see this play out in your own life?
3. In what ways has following Jesus been difficult or costly for you?
4. How are you trying in your own effort and power to become who you think you should be?
5. What would it look like for you to surrender that to God, and walk confidently in who He says you are?
6. The final command — “Follow me” — is the same invitation Jesus gives every believer today. What is keeping you from following Him and where is He leading you? How can your home group pray for you to be obedient to His invitation?

Sanctificational Prayer Guidance

Praise God that even when we fail, He continues to love us, restore us, and use us for His purposes.

Heavenly Father, give us the courage to follow You faithfully. Help us to walk in obedience and willingly answer Your invitation to follow You each day.

Family Memory Verse of the Month for May

Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:36 (ESV)