

Made for Others | Sunday, November 8, 2026

(5-10 min) Optional Ice Breaker: When is it officially okay to start listening to Christmas music, before or after Thanksgiving?

LEADERS: Please share these announcements with your Home Group!

Announcements

Sending Prayer: Join us on Sunday, November 15 at 10:25 am in Conference Room B for Sending Prayer. We'll pray for our local and global mission partners.

Read God's Word Aloud

John 15:9, 12-13; John 17:20-26 (ESV)

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, **21** that they

may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, **23** I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. **24** Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. **25** O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. **26** I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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.

A note from Scott Zeller: God made us for relationship with himself and with one another, reflecting his own eternal life of love as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Yet sin fractures those relationships, bringing separation, conflict, shame, and loneliness.

This helps explain why community can both sustain us through our deepest suffering and become a source of profound hurt. Through his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus reconciles us to God and welcomes us into the love he shares with the Father. Secure in his faithful love, we are called to love one another as he has loved us, displaying to the world the God who made us for others.

1. When have you experienced community sustaining you through a difficult season? What made that care meaningful?

2. How does understanding God as eternally relational change the way you understand your own need for others?

3. Where do you recognize the effects of sin in your relationships, including your own responses when you feel hurt, misunderstood, or excluded?

4. In John 17:23, Jesus says the Father loves his people even as he loves the Son. How might believing that more deeply change the way you approach relationships?

5. Jesus commands us to love one another as he has loved us. What does his love teach us about navigating the tension between our need for community and our fear of being hurt?

Finish here: Spend time discussing ways that you can encourage and remind one another of the truths from God’s word throughout this next week. Pray for one another using the prayer guidance provided below.

Sanctificational Prayer Guidance

Thank You for the gift of relationships and the people You place in our lives. May every connection bring us closer to You.

Teach us, Jesus, to obey your command to love one another as God has loved us.

Spend some time thinking and praying over any relationships where you need the Lord to bring restoration.

Family Memory Verse of the Month for November

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

Proverbs 3:7 (ESV)