

FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

LIFE NOTES



This guide is to help you facilitate discussion with your Community Group or Family. Use it as a resource to lead your group in discovering and owning the truths of God's Word. The goal of your time is not to answer every question, but to facilitate meaningful and life giving conversation. Some questions might connect with your group more than others, so please focus on the ones pertinent to your group.

PLAN A: WEEK 7

SYNOPSIS OF SERIES

In this series, we are focusing on our core value, Prayer is Plan A. Over the next few weeks we are going to be looking at the Lord's Prayer. Jesus teaches us how to pray and how not to pray. He gives us the key ingredients that we can use when coming before God.

GETTING STARTED

On Sunday, Scott talked about living life from two vantage points:

1. Worldly kingdom vantage point: life based in fear, greed, need for power over people, control, manipulating circumstances for your best outcome.
2. Heavenly Kingdom vantage point: trust, love, gentleness, self sacrifice, forgiveness.

Talk about where in your life you see these kingdoms at work and in tension.

- Where do you see the worldly kingdom evident?
- Where do you see the heavenly Kingdom at work?
- Are there areas of your personal life that you struggle to walk from the heavenly vantage point? (maybe areas where you see lack of the fruits of the spirit)

DIGGING DEEPER

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

One way to interpret the last line of the Lord's prayer that Scott shared, was: "don't let us be tempted to the point that we fail or fall." This line of the prayer is an acknowledgement of our weakness and dependence on God.

Who are some people in your life that you can depend on? Do you have people who are dependent on you?

What is full dependency?

What areas of your life are hard to acknowledge your weaknesses to God?

In 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 Paul writes:

⁹“My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.¹⁰ That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Take a minute to pause and give your weaknesses to God. Acknowledge to him that you need him, that you depend on him. Ask him to fill you with His strength and His power to live the Kingdom of Heaven on this earth.

MOVING FORWARD

Scott talked about standing in the gap between the two kingdoms. Who are some people that you believe God is asking you to stand in the gap for? Share with your group.

As a group talk about how you can stand in the gap together. Maybe it’s in prayer for the nation, maybe it’s in prayer for the persecuted church, maybe it’s for orphans and widows. Decide as a group who you can stand in the gap for together.

One great way to stand in the gap and see God’s heart for people is through serving those in need. Pick a date that you can serve the church, or the community together. Maybe it correlates with your stand in the gap prayer.

Here is a list of some ideas:

Foothills Ministries:

- Packs of Hope: This is a foothills ministry that puts backpacks together with personal items for children who are in the foster care system and have little to call their own. They need help with their inventory and making more packs. Contact amanda@packsofhope.org for more info.
- Buddy Break: This Foothills ministry serves parents of special needs kids. They have a fun and interactive program for the children while the parents get some time for themselves. Contact foothillsbuddies@gmail.com for more info.
- Foothills Food Pantry: The food pantry serves around 60 families in the Arvada area who are in need of basic necessities. Contact jancdenver@gmail.com for more info.
- Second Chance Thrift Store: All the revenue from the thrift store goes towards funding missions and outreach projects. Please contact Karla@lightbridgeonline.org for more info.

Other Area Ministries:

- Hope House of Colorado: <http://www.hopehouseofcolorado.org/index.cfm/id/34/Volunteer/>
- Mean Street Ministries: <http://www.meanstreetministry.org/street-ministry>
- Denver Rescue Mission: <https://serve.drmmvolunteers.org/custom/501/index.php>
- Open Door Ministries: <http://odmdenver.org/join-us/volunteer>