



Community Group Discussion Guide

Love Jesus, Live Sent – Value 1: Anchoring Truth – Nov 7, 2021

I. Starter Questions:

- What are some places we turn for wisdom on decisions in our lives?
- What are some potential sources of stability in our lives? How do those often fail us?

II. Explanation of Value:

Values for an organization define its culture. They serve as the guardrails for how it goes about its mission and how it pursues its vision. Values keep the organization from drifting away from its foundational purpose.

Our first reframed value is **Anchoring Truth**: We prioritize God's Word in every sermon, every song, every prayer, every class, every group, and every decision (Psalm 19:7–11; Matthew 7:24–29; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Hebrews 4:12–13; Hebrews 6:19–20). We have one solid and unshakeable foundation—the God-breathed Scriptures—so we center our entire church around it. Based on this value for our church, we believe then that an individual disciple is *shaped by God's Word*. That trait is an attribute of a disciple toward which we want to equip one another.

III. Discussion of Scripture:

Context: David writes this song to highlight the Law as God's supreme revelation of himself. Verses 1–6 highlight the way creation speaks of its maker, but without God's Word we cannot know specifically who God is.

Psalm 19:7–11 (ESV)

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does God's Word differ than the natural revelation found in vv.1–6?
2. List out the ways that God's Word benefits its hearers/readers.
3. What should be our response to this Law?

Context: Jesus speaks these words at the end of his Sermon on the Mount—his most famous sermon that includes both ethical standards and spiritual practices. He concludes his sermon by calling his hearers/readers to faith and obedience.

Matthew 7:24–29 (ESV)

²⁴ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” ²⁸ And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹ for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

4. Compare and contrast:
 - a. the two builders
 - b. the two houses
 - c. the two foundations
 - d. the two storms
 - e. the two outcomes
5. What is Jesus saying to us today about our lives?

Context: Paul is instructing the Colossian church in how the gospel should transform their lives and even their worship gatherings.

Colossians 3:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

6. The word “richly” here means *in abundance, richly, generously, in a great amount; or, extremely, to a great degree*. How do we position ourselves to let the Word dwell in us like that command implies?

7. How can you be involved in this “teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom” here at Henderson Hills? within your Community Group?

Context: Paul writes this section to encourage his protégé, Timothy, to continue standing fast on the Word of God—even in the face of opposition and trouble.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- 8. Do you ever let God’s Word reprove/correct you? Why or why not?**
9. What is the end goal here for God’s Word in our lives? Is it merely for knowledge?

Context: Faithless disobedience will not go unnoticed by God. He continues to work and refine his people—primarily through his Word.

Hebrews 4:12–13 (ESV)

¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

- 10. Why does v.13 suddenly refer to this “word of God,” this “sword” as a “he” (i.e., “his sight,” “him to whom we must give account”)?**
11. How have you seen the word of God active in your life? How have you seen it exposing your thoughts and intentions?

Context: Abraham is shown to be an example of one who, through patience and faith, “inherited the promises” (vv.13–15). God’s promises are guaranteed by God’s own perfectly trustworthy character (vv.16–18). Therefore the promise of salvation through Jesus’ high priesthood is a secure and trustworthy hope.

Hebrews 6:19–20 (ESV)

¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

- 12. What is our anchor?**
13. Where can we be reminded of this promise?

IV. Responding in Prayer:

- Pray for each person's humility, that we would submit open-handedly to the Word of God and allow the Lord to do his work in our lives.
- Pray that you would teach and admonish one another in all wisdom within your Community Group.
- Pray for our church to remain fully committed to God's Word as the anchor that holds us fast in the world's storms.
- Continue to pray that our church grows in our pursuit of glorifying God by becoming a hub for an all-ages disciple-making movement, equipping one another to love Jesus and live sent.