**Wealth, Poverty, & the People of God: Following Jesus**

**Call To Worship for Community Gatherings 01/07-01/19**

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| **Leader**: |  | We come here from a world draped in darkness |
| **All**: |  | **Into a world illuminated by Christ’s light** |
| **Leader**: |  | We come from a world of weariness |
| **All**: |  | **Into God’s strength and peace** |
| **Leader**: |  | We come from a slumbering world |
| **All**: |  | **We come to awaken our souls that Christ may shine on us**  *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the*  *Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now*  *And will be forever. World without end. Amen.* |

*Suggested Songs*

“Here I am to Worship” – Matt Redman

“The Light of Christ” – Donald Fischel

“Shine Jesus Shine” -- Crystal Lewis

“Praise to the Lord” – Traditional Hymn

**Prayer:**

*Break into groups of 2-3 and share something you are grateful for and something that you would like to let go. Lay hands and prayer for one another*

**Read Genesis 12:1-4**

*Recap of last week’s sermon, a brief reflection or devotion on the topic of Discipleship*

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**Jan. 3-19: “God’s Mission and the People of God” – Discussion Questions**

1. What does it mean for God to “want your heart, your affections, and your allegiance”? How does that affect the way you live?
2. Do you think we need to know all the details of God’s call on us before we begin following?
3. In his sermon on Sunday, Luke said that “God’s promises don’t retreat when they face problems, they get bigger”. Have you ever had this experience in your life?
4. God promised Abraham that through his descendants he would bless all of the families of the Earth. What did He mean by this promise?
5. What are some ways that Jesus fulfills that promise made by God to Abraham?
6. During his time here on Earth, Jesus commissioned us to participate in the fulfillment of the promise (Matthew 28). How can we faithfully purse that call?

**Communion Liturgy**

*Now we are about to enter into a time of Communion. During Communion we remember Christ’s life, ministry, and sacrifice for us. We also give thanks to God for his Salvation that we are all invited to enjoy and participate in.*

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us he took bread and blessed it and said,

“This is my Body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way also he took the cup, after super, saying,

“This is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Now Father, pour our you Spirit on these gifts that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Jesus, poured out and broken for the life of the world. And pour our your Spirit on us gathered here that we may be the Body of Christ, redeemed by his blood, and a light to the world. Amen.

*Pass the bread and the cup around the circle so that each person serves his/her neighbor.*

Suggested Songs: Amazing Grace, Nothing But the Blood, You Make Beautiful Things, The Doxology

**Continue to Worship as you enjoy good friends, good food, and good conversation!**

**Blessing:**

*Family of God:*

*May your eyes be open in order to see his grace*

*May your hearts be open in order to receive it*

*And may your hands be open and your lives be free*

*So that you may GIVE IT AWAY TO OTHERS in great abundance.*

*As you have also received freely and in great abundance!*

*In the name of the one who humbled himself on the cross we pray*

*the name of Jesus….amen.*