Small Group Communities

Group Guide: December 2026

This guide is meant to be used alongside the Advent Reading Guide.

Welcome & Pray –

Icebreaker Question –

Share your favorite Christmas tradition, or one you would like to start!

Review -

Take some time to chat about the practice introduced last month shown in the box below:

PRACTICE

Regularly and intentionally share life with other followers of Jesus.

Consider inviting someone to church or over for a meal, serving together, making yourself known at a Newcomer's Gathering, joining a group, or lingering a little longer after church.

Invite the group to respond to:

What was it like to practice regularly and intentionally sharing your life with other followers of Jesus?

What felt light and easy and what felt more challenging?

Grab your Bible & the Advent Reading Guide -

Read: Choose the week that matches when you are getting together as a group – then read the Scriptures, the prayer, and the reading.

Consider going around the room and having everyone participate in reading out loud!

Reflect & Chat –

Spend some time quietly reflecting on the questions and then sharing your thoughts with one another.

- Did anything feel highlighted to you in the Scriptures you read?
- Talk a little about the reading...was there a particular phrase or portion that stood out to you?
- Reflect on your time so far as a group – you may be at the one-year mark or just the beginning – share something you appreciate about your time together.

Listen –

Listen to the song together that is listed under the week you chose. Sing along together if you would like!

Practice -

PRACTICE

Create intentional space to slow down and read along using the Advent Reading Guide through the end of the year.

Think about if there might be someone you want to do this with – this could be in-person or virtual with family or friends who might live far away!

Pray: Take a little time to pray for each other before you go. Consider this closing benediction:

Lord Jesus,
King of the mountain and the manger,
meet us in our waiting.

We who cannot reach you on our own strength,
we who carry longings only you can meet,
come down to us, the way you have always come.

We are your people, walking in darkness, watching for light.
To you we say, Come, King Jesus.
Amen