



# COMMUNITY GUIDE

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## WEEKLY APPLICATION

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**TAKEAWAY:** To see events in the world through the light of Jesus and the early Christians.

**HEAD CHANGE:** To partner with Jesus to establish His kingdom on Earth.

**HEART CHANGE:** To lean into “what” we should do rather than “why” has something happened.

**LIFE CHANGE:** To respond to disaster and peril in pragmatic ways

## OVERVIEW

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In the book of John, the ninth chapter, Jesus’ disciples ask the standard question, not that different from the question many people ask today when bad things happen, “Who sinned?” But Jesus doesn’t look back to a hypothetical cause - He looks forward, to see what God is going to do about it. Meaning; what Jesus is going to do about it. So, He heals the man. As to communicate that this is the “now” time, not the time for speculating about previous sin. As Jesus followers, if we are waiting for a special event like a natural disaster, a global pandemic, or a change of politics to nudge us into looking for Jesus’ kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Or furthermore, a special event to tell us or others to repent when we are drifting into careless sin, or to remind us that life is short, and our neighbors need to know who Jesus really is; then we have gone to sleep on the job. Let’s discover what it means to partner with Jesus to see His kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*“You will hear of wars and rumors of wars but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.”  
-Matthew 24:6 (NIV)-*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. Which do you think are more revealing: “what” questions or “why” questions? What intention lies behind each of these types of questions? Which one do you ask the most?
2. Why do you think that we often look for resolutions to theological dilemmas? How difficult is it to refrain from jumping to “solutions?”
3. God always wants to work in His world through loyal human beings and this is part of the point of being made in God’s image (Genesis 1.26–28). Why do you think that God wants us to participate in His mission?
4. What is the significance of seeing our current crisis through the lens of Jesus and His ministry? Give reasons why we should see our current crisis through the lens of Jesus.

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

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Heavenly Father, I know you are a King that lasts forever and sit on a throne that lasts forever. I ask that you help me view transitions of power and politics, disasters and peril, and all the other stuff that the world throws our way, both big and small, as opportunities to partner with you in your kingdom building work. Empowered by your Spirit, I want to be your eyes and ears, hands and feet, to do what needs to be done in the world. Amen

**IN THIS TOGETHER!**