



JUSTICE *reset*

Small Group Leader

guide

This Small Group Leader Guide for our 'Justice Reset' series has been created to provide you with all the information you need, up front, to best lead your group through this more practice-based, practical series.

The material we are inviting Small Groups to engage with during this series is a bit different to previous, and we want you as the Leader to feel well-resourced and empowered to encourage your group through these activities.

This Guide might look like a lot of information – and it is – but it's not supposed to create stress or extra work. It's supposed to provide you with a breakdown of every Small Group gathering with a script-of-sorts for you to follow, hopefully making this series easy for you to facilitate.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Guide, the 'Justice Reset' series, or the activities involved – please contact your Coach.

Term 4 Calendar

Cycle	Week Starting	Sermon Focus	Small Group Focus	Individual Focus
Gathered online	Sunday 4 October	What justice, why justice (<i>Genesis 1 & 2, Revelation 21 & 22</i>)		
Gathered in groups	Sunday 11 October		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Introduction to 'justice' focus → Overview of 'See Think Feel' group activity & decide on date to go out and practice together → Introduce idea of practical group initiative 	See ' Discipleship Resources ' (available from Friday 2 October)
Gathered online	Sunday 18 October	The principles of Christian justice (<i>Philippians 2, John 13:1-17</i>)		See ' Discipleship Resources ' (available from Friday 16 October)
Gathered in groups	Sunday 25 October		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Discuss the 'why' behind the 'See Think Feel' activity → Discuss 'what' is involved 	
Gathered online	Sunday 1 November	The opposite of 'love' is 'indifference' (<i>Luke 10:25-37</i>)		See ' Discipleship Resources ' (available from Friday 30 October)
Gathered in groups	Sunday 8 November		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Practice 'See Think Feel' activity as a group, in pairs and/or individually → Reflect on 'See Think Feel' activity → Decide on practical group initiative and start planning 	
Gathered online	Sunday 15 November	Being a community of justice (<i>Jeremiah 29, Acts 2</i>)		See ' Discipleship Resources ' (available from Friday 13 November)
Gathered in groups	Sunday 22 November		→ Prayer and planning for practical group initiative	
Gathered online	Sunday 29 November	Wealth, consumerism and justice (<i>James 5</i>)		See ' Discipleship Resources ' (available from Friday 27 November)
Gathered in groups	Sunday 6 December	Justice for others (<i>Exodus 1</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Action practical group initiative during any / all of these 3 weeks → After completing initiative, reflect on discussion questions (see Leader Guide) 	
Gathered online	Sunday 13 December			
Gathered in groups	Sunday 20 December	The King of justice (<i>Luke 1 & 2</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Small Group Christmas gathering organised by group → Christmas gathering Sun 20 Dec → Christmas morning service Sun 25 Dec + streamed online 	See ' Discipleship Resources ' (available from Friday 11 December)



1st Small Group (week starting 11th October)

WELCOME & CONNECT: (10 min)

INTRODUCE: 'See Think Feel' (preparing for Small Group weeks 2 and 3) (5 min)

We are inviting all our groups to do a couple of things that are more practice based leading up to Christmas. We are thinking about God and justice so we don't want to spend the majority of our time just talking about it. The first activity is called **See Think Feel**. The goal behind the activity is to help us to see more like Jesus sees, think more like Jesus thinks and feel more as Jesus feels. It is a very practical non-threatening activity where you go to a public place and spend some time (around 30 minutes) **intentionally noticing people** without interacting with anyone.

Why are we doing this? These sorts of activities were an intentional part of how Jesus went about making disciples. He took them on what we might call excursions or into situations in order that they might experience more of what God is like and what his kingdom is like. Over time the disciples were able to learn to see, think and feel more like Jesus. A practice-based approach to learning is an important aspect of discipleship and important in understanding justice from God's perspective, which is why we are doing it.

READ: (5 min)

John 4:1-42 (Jesus Talks with a Samaritan Woman)

PRACTICE: 'See Think Feel' now in your group (1-2 min)

Now that we've seen Jesus in action seeing, thinking and feeling for the woman at the well, spend the next 30 seconds intentionally looking at one another, noticing each person, and say to yourself: **"You are created in God's image, you are valuable and loved by God."** (I know that this might seem a little weird at first but keep in mind we are doing something tangible in order to see, think and feel more like Jesus.)

SEE THINK FEEL - LEADER NOTES:

Keep reminding the group of the **why** we are doing the 'See Think Feel' activity. Even though it may seem a little weird, encourage group members to **engage with the process**. Encourage people to **reflect** on what is happening internally (heart and mind) throughout the whole process not just the activity itself.

PLAN: 'See Think Feel' activity (10 min)

We will unpack 'See Think Feel' in more detail the next time the group meets (in 2 weeks' time). The important thing to do this week is to decide whether the group will do this activity together, in pairs, or individually.

If doing this as a group or in pairs: set a date (between the 25th and 8th November), time (you will need to set aside approximately 1 hour), and place when you can meet as a group (*needs to be after the next Small Group meeting time*). In terms of place: somewhere local where the group can disperse for approximately 30 minutes and observe people (a shopping precinct or park often works well). It is often very helpful to choose a place that is distinctly different from where you might usually 'hang out'.

If doing this individually: think about an activity you might already engage in and commit to practicing 'See Think Feel' during that time (for example when you're out grocery shopping, at work). Tell your group when you plan on practicing 'See Think Feel' and what day that activity usually happens. This will help your group keep you accountable and follow up with you after that day / date has passed; or remind you on the day to practice 'See Think Feel' during your usual activity. *Because you're doing this individually, you might like to commit to practicing 'See Think Feel' weekly.*



INTRODUCE: Practical group initiative (Small Group weeks 4 and 5) (5 min)

An important part of our Justice Reset series is seeing the link between our discipleship and social justice. After practicing 'See Think Feel' over the coming weeks, our Small Group will then look to be practical in our love for the community and make a difference through social justice initiatives. In what will be an exciting end to the year, we will support and encourage each other to practice following Jesus through a specific initiative that we will decide on together during our third meeting this term (week starting Sunday 8 November).

We will be equipped with a variety of ideas to consider, or encouraged to consider our own initiative, to help us decide what we can do together. Some of the ideas that we could engage in include:

1. *Making purchases with consideration to Baptist World Aid's 'Ethical Fashion Guide';*
2. *Hosting a 'Christmas Appeal' party;*
3. *Prayer and fasting;*
4. *Halving your Christmas spending to provide more opportunity to be generous to others;*
5. *Partnering with local community services like our very own LifeCare.*

We are excited to see our Small Groups taking up the invitation to make a difference with Jesus and explore the deeper lessons we learn about discipleship as we practice together. We can start thinking of ideas now, but we will discuss what this looks like in more detail in Week 3, after we've finished our focus on 'See Think Feel'.

PRACTICAL GROUP INITIATIVE - LEADER NOTES:

The next few pages provide an overview of each example initiative for your group to start considering. You will also be able to download more details on each of the 5 example initiatives from the website [*PDF coming soon!*]. You can continue the discussion in your group's WhatsApp / Facebook Messenger / SMS, **but make it clear that the main focus of the group for the next few weeks needs to be on the 'See Think Feel' activity.** It is so important that each person engages with the 'See Think Feel' activity as best they can in order for that same thinking and view of others to continue on into the practical group initiative. We envision that this will help the group initiative not to become tokenistic but will start changing people's minds and hearts through both practices.

DISCUSS: (10 min)

- How are you feeling about what we are planning to do this term?

PRAY: (15 min)



Example Practical Group Initiative Ideas:

1. Ethical Fashion Guide

The Ethical Fashion Guide initiative is a great way to **grow awareness**, **discipline** and **steward** your finances with a biblical framework.

This Christmas season, we are inviting Small Groups to consider taking up this initiative. For 3 weeks and in the lead up to whatever you buy for Christmas we are encouraging Small Groups to commit to making ethical purchases.

The Ethical Fashion Guide is a great tool championed by Baptist World Aid. Accessible via an app, book and soft copy, the Fashion Guide empowers people to make everyday ethical purchasing decisions. Take the Ethical Fashion Guide with you when you shop, and buy clothes from the companies doing more to protect their workers. Vote with your wallet and encourage more companies to end exploitation in their supply chains.

Reflect: *As you do this initiative in your Small Group, share what you are learning, finding challenging, finding rewarding. What is God speaking to you about with your everyday purchases? What is God wanting you to learn in this season and carry on into the next to create a sustained difference in social justice?*

2. Partnership with Local Services (limited availability)

This Christmas season may be the best time to practically be involved in what God is doing in our local communities. Partnership with local services is a great way to **serve**, **grow awareness** and **connect** with someone new.

Peakhurst:

- Georges River LifeCare is one of the most brilliant ways our church makes a difference in the area of social justice in Peakhurst and the surrounding communities. Perhaps you have always wanted to get involved or be part of something bigger that LifeCare does? As part of the LifeCare Christmas Appeal of \$40 000, Georges River LifeCare is looking to mobilise our community to raise up to 250 backpacks filled with essentials and gifts to primary aged children around both Peakhurst and Chipping Norton communities.

Please email Glenn Power [glenn@grlc.org.au] if your Small Group would love to partner with LifeCare.

Chipping Norton: In Chipping Norton we have two initiatives that are happening in our community, ready for us to partner with as a Small Group this Christmas season:

- Liverpool Street Kitchen: as a Small Group, commit to joining in the preparing, serving and connecting of LSK.
- Community Connections: as a Small Group, commit to taking 4-5 names of people in our Warwick Farm community to drop hampers off to, connect with and encourage this Christmas season.

Reflect: As you do this initiative think about what you really enjoyed? What did you find surprising? What did you feel God was speaking to you about during the lead up and in the serving time itself? Is practically making a difference something that you are interested in doing more as a small group or individual? Is this something that becomes a Christmas tradition for you, or something more?

3. Christmas Appeal Party

The Christmas Appeal Party is a great initiative to **connect, grow awareness** and **raise funds**.

1. In a year where loneliness and isolation has been exacerbated, hosting a Christmas Appeal Party in your home or at a park is a great way to intentionally **connect** with those who may be most vulnerable.
2. Hosting a Christmas Appeal Party is a great way to **grow awareness** to both the needs of those in our community, and to grow awareness of what services are on the front line.
3. Hosting a Christmas Appeal Party is also an opportunity to **raise funds** for LifeCare (as appropriate, depending on who you've invited) who are strategically positioned to love and support our local community.

We're working on a 'party runsheet' which will include a link to share the Christmas Appeal Video from LifeCare and other details for the host / Small Group representative to organise the event and share why they support it.

The Small Group can decide to do this individually or partner up with someone else in the group. An important thing to keep in mind is staying COVID-safe during the event.

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4. Pray, Fast, Speak

A practical way to engage with social justice in our community is through prayer, fasting and advocating.

Pray, Fast, Speak is a great initiative to **engage with Jesus**, to **limit consumption** and to **speak up** for those who have no voice.

1. **Engage with Jesus:** We encourage a Small Group to commit to pray and fast for 14 days. We're working on resources to provide ideas for different ways you can fast this season and how to pray into social justice.
2. **Limit Consumption:** One of the great things in practicing fasting is how it limits our consumption. Whether that be food, social media or other things, this initiative intentionally leads a group to discover how to disciple our consumption.
3. **Speak Up:** Through the prayer and fasting fortnight, we are encouraging Small Group participants to read, and speak up for those who have no voice. We encourage contacting your local Member of Parliament (MP), to look at current petitions in regards to social justice and consider signing them, and also to raise

conversations in your home, workplace and with friends about the ways we can speak up for those who have no voice. We're working on a list of GRLC ideas of things that you could speak up.

Reflect: *As you do this initiative think about what you really enjoyed? What did you find surprising? What did you feel God was speaking to you about during the lead up and in the time itself? Is practically making a difference something that you are interested in doing more as a small group or individual? Is this something that becomes a Christmas tradition for you, or perhaps something more frequent?*

5. The Half and Double Christmas

This initiative seeks to invite groups to halve their normal Christmas spending on themselves, so as to be generous to services that are doing wonderful social justice ministries: *Blessed to be a blessing so as to bless others.*

Steps:

1. Consider how much you normally spend at Christmas time. (food + presents)
2. Consider how you could halve your expenditure
3. Consider how you could then give that half to a service that is on the front line of social justice in our local community.

Reflect: *Share your experiences and challenges with your group. What did you find difficult in this initiative?*

6. Create Your Own

Each Small Group is also welcome to create or do a different initiative beyond the 5 we have proposed, above. This might be something your group is already passionate about, or something that your group knows is happening in an area that does a great role in social justice.

The important part is that each Small Group decides together what they will do; and with a shared commitment, they continue to organise, support and practice together.

When creating your own initiative, here are some things to consider:

1. Is the idea something you can all do together as a group, or participate individually and support each other to do it?
2. Is the idea something that is connected to the social justice of others?
3. Is the idea something that helps us practice discipleship and shows the love of Jesus?
4. Is the idea something that can be done in the time frame (even if it is something that can continue on)?

If you would like to run your idea past someone or get some support to help finalise details you can talk to your Coach, or to Malcolm Campbell or Lara Watson in the Equip Team.



2nd Small Group (week starting 25th October)

WELCOME & CONNECT: (10 min)

READ: 'See Think Feel' – what and why? (15 min)

Why are we doing this? Last time we met we said that these sorts of activities were an intentional part of how Jesus went about making disciples. This week we will briefly reflect on the Gospels and Jesus' method of making disciples. How did He (Jesus) do it? What were some of the distinctives of how He went about making disciples? Here are 3 things that Jesus did:

1. **Jesus modelled a rhythm of life. He was intentional in regularly spending time being with his Father followed by engaging with His disciples and the crowd.**
(READ: Luke 5:16| Mark 1:35; Mark 3:14)
2. **Jesus' disciples also followed him on excursions and into uncomfortable situations.**
These were intentional environments that Jesus used *in order that they might experience the reality of the Kingdom*. They were 'Liminal Spaces'. A liminal space is a transitional space where transformation takes place, *if we learn to wait and let it form us*. (READ: Mark 5:1-20 and note that Jews would never go to Gerasenes; John 4 and note that Jews would never speak to Samaritans, let alone a man speaking to a woman). Jesus sees people differently than those around him do, including his disciples.
3. **He helped the disciples to reflect upon and interpret their everyday lives in light of who God is, and invited them to live their everyday lives in the Kingdom of God (under the reign of the King) starting now.**
An ongoing understanding and revelation of the nature of God and God's Kingdom were primary concerns in Jesus ministry to His disciples.

What will we be doing? If doing this as a group, meet at your agreed location (this is the date you set with the group the first week you met). The Small Group leader will briefly affirm why we are doing what we are doing. The group then disperses individually or in pairs and spends 30 minutes walking through the shopping area or park, (you could also sit at a café or bench and notice people passing by.) **Intentionally look at, and notice people and say to yourself: "You are created in God's image, you are valuable and loved by God."**

Try hard to stay focused and pay attention to what is happening in your mind (throughout the processes) as well as your heart. Pay attention to who you are drawn to pay attention to, and who you are less inclined to pay attention to.

SEE THINK FEEL - LEADER NOTES:

Keep reminding the group of the **why** we are doing the 'See Think Feel' activity. Even though it may seem a little weird, encourage group members to **engage with the process**. Encourage people to **reflect** on what is happening internally (heart and mind) throughout the whole process not just the activity itself.

DISCUSS: (15 min)

- What times did Jesus take the disciples into situations where they probably didn't feel comfortable?
- In what life-situations do you often feel comfortable – or uncomfortable?

PRAY: (15 min)

3rd Small Group (week starting 8th November)

WELCOME & CONNECT: (10 min)

REFLECT & DISCUSS: debrief on 'See Think Fee' and discuss what happened? (10 min)

Why should we make time to reflect?

The ability to thoughtfully reflect on experience is an essential part of learning and enables greater meaning and learning to be derived from a given situation. Learning also takes place through social interaction and, therefore, individuals learn more with others than by themselves.

Questions for Small Group to reflect on together:

- What happened? Did you experience any internal resistance to doing the activity?
- What were some of your internal thoughts as you engaged in the activity?
- Did you notice any judgments or bias's that came to mind as you saw people? What patterns of thinking did the activity challenge?

SEE THINK FEEL - LEADER NOTES:

Encourage the group that, if we're honest with ourselves, we sometimes don't have a problem seeing others as Jesus might see them; but often our growth area is seeing ourselves as God sees us.

READ: 'See Think Feel' Testimony (5 min)

"I was first introduced to this practice a couple of years ago. Since then I have sought to intentionally repeat the practice on a semi regular basis. Over time it has brought a deep transformation to how I see, feel and act toward others. I am learning that this is the power of an intentional practice. It didn't happen quickly, the change of my heart and mind took time as I continued with the practice."

Homework: Practice the same 'See Think Feel' activity individually over the next few weeks. (Intentionally look at, and notice people and say to yourself: *"You are created in God's image, you are valuable and loved by God."*). Observe what happens internally. What are your thought processes?

SEE THINK FEEL - LEADER NOTES:

Encourage the group to use your Small Group's WhatsApp / Facebook Messenger / SMS to keep each other accountable throughout the week / fortnight / Term.

PLAN: Practical group initiative (Small Group weeks 4 and 5) (20 min)

An important part of our Justice Reset series is seeing the link between our discipleship and social justice. Jesus modelled a life of practice and love; so we are committed to empowering our Small Groups to practically love our community and make a difference in our communities through social justice initiatives.

As mentioned the first time we met, each Small Group is encouraged to decide together on one initiative that they will commit to as a group. Each Small Group is also welcome to create or do a different initiative beyond the 5 we have proposed. This might be something our group is already passionate about, or something that our group knows is happening in the area that does a great role in social justice. The important part is that our group decides together what we will do; and with a shared commitment we continue to organise, support and practice together.



Below are the current 5 suggested ideas for Small Groups to consider when planning to join Jesus in making a difference in our Peakhurst and Chipping Norton communities:

1. Making purchases with consideration to Baptist World Aid's 'Ethical Fashion Guide';
2. Hosting a 'Christmas Appeal' party; LifeCare
3. Prayer and fasting;
4. Halving your Christmas spending to provide more opportunity to be generous to others;
5. Partnering with local community services like our very own LifeCare
6. *Create your own!*

PRACTICAL GROUP INITIATIVE - LEADER NOTES:

One of the main focusses is to get the group to own the idea. Your role as the Leader is to facilitate a conversation and encourage your group to see the different ideas and decide together. You do not need to make all the decisions, but instead encourage, champion and support the broader group towards being intentional in taking up the invitation to practice together.

We aim to equip you as the Leader with detailed initiatives (see [HERE](#)) so that you are able to share the ideas, facilitate a great conversation, and encourage the group to action. Once an idea has been agreed on, you can then help plan, support and link some of the questions from the 'See Think Feel' activity from earlier in the term. It is not your responsibility to make sure this practical group initiative happens or to do all the leg work. It is important that every individual has the opportunity to play as part in the planning and execution, otherwise they risk missing out on the point of such an activity and growing closer to God in understanding His heart.

PRAY: (15 min)

4th Small Group (week starting 22nd November)

WELCOME & CONNECT: (10 min)

IF YOUR GROUP HAS ALREADY ENGAGED IN YOUR PRACTICAL GROUP INITIATIVE:
(if not, see over the page)

REFLECT & DISCUSS: debrief on practical group initiative (35 min)

If your group went with the ETHICAL FASHION GUIDE: *The Ethical Fashion Guide initiative was a great way to grow awareness, discipline and steward your finances with a biblical framework.*

- As you do this initiative, share what you are learning, finding challenging, finding rewarding.
- What is God speaking to you about with your everyday purchases?
- What is God wanting you to learn in this season and carry on into the next to create a sustained difference in social justice?

If your group PARTNERED WITH LOCAL SERVICES: *Partnership with Local services was a great way to serve, grow awareness and connect with someone new.*

- As you do this initiative what did you really enjoy?
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If your group went with the CHRISTMAS PARTY APPEAL: *The Christmas Appeal Party was a great initiative to connect, grow awareness and raise funds. The Small Group may have decided to do this individually or partner up.*

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- Share your experiences, challenges.
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IF YOUR GROUP HAS NOT YET ENGAGED IN YOUR PRACTICAL GROUP INITIATIVE:

DISCUSS: (10 min)

- Is there anything more that you need to discuss or plan in your group to prepare for your practical group initiative?

PRAY: (40 min)

1.Thanksgiving (10 min)

- Begin with thanking God for his love, faithfulness, and kindness.

2.Prayer for our people (10 min)

- Hunger for God's presence and a desire for transformation
- Unity in the church
- Growing culture of care in our church
- Those most isolated, and our seniors
- For our church to represent Jesus well beyond the church
- For our pastors and church leadership.

3.Prayer for our community (10 min)

- For those isolated and most vulnerable
- For those we are connecting with through Life Care
- For individuals and businesses in financial crisis
- For people looking for hope and looking for God.

4.Prayer for our nation (10 min)

- For our leaders and those providing advice to governments
- Front line healthcare workers and emergency services
- For Nursing home residents and carers
- For a continued reduction in new cases of COVID and a vaccine!

5th Small Group (week starting 6th December)

WELCOME & CONNECT: (10 min)

IF YOUR GROUP HAS NOT YET REFLECTED ON YOUR PRACTICAL GROUP INITIATIVE:
(if you've already done this, see over the page)

REFLECT & DISCUSS: debrief on practical group initiative (35 min)

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IF YOUR GROUP HAS ALREADY REFLECTED ON YOUR PRACTICAL GROUP INITIATIVE:

READ: (5 min)

Through the Reset series last term, we said that: Discipleship is my life being **renewed** with Jesus, for Jesus, and through Jesus. And that Discipleship in my life looks:

- **Intentional:** following Jesus is an active, deliberate choice, every day
- **Holistic:** Jesus impacts and directs every part of my life, throughout my whole life
- **Communal:** my discipleship is personal but not individual, we are disciples together in community – we are not just connected, we are communal – we have a shared life
- **Selfless:** being a disciple of Jesus blesses me but it's not about me, it's a life of serving and sacrifice
- **Missional:** my heart aches to reveal Jesus and for the world to be in relationship with Him

DISCUSS: (30 min)

We've been grappling with 'discipleship' as a church for a few years, which was made evident again in the feedback we received in June / July; and in response, in Term 3 we introduced the 'new' definition of discipleship and what it looks like in our lives (see 'READ' above).

- How do you feel about what we've learned through Term 3 and 4, in terms of your own discipleship?
- Has it been helpful in understanding not just what discipleship, but the active practical side to living as a disciple of Jesus? In what ways has it been helpful, or not?

SMALL GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY - LEADER NOTES:

If you haven't already, you might like to organise a Christmas get together for your group sometime over the coming weeks.

If your group doesn't want to / can't meet in person, get creative! Organise a Zoom lunch / dinner where everyone dresses up in festive-themed clothes, decorates the background of where they sit when they're on Zoom, and provides their own food and drinks to enjoy while chatting to each other online. Allocate someone as the 'Zoom DJ' and ask for Christmas music requests from the group for them to play on their computer; or organise some fun online games to play together – you can find some ideas on the [Small Group Leaders Hub HERE](#).

PRAY: (15 min)