

Growth Group Guide Week 5: Who We Are

Opener

What drew you into Long Beach Alliance Church?

Discussion

1. Where would you say we are as a church? What makes us who we are? What makes us unique to other organizations? What makes us different than other churches?

Bible Study

Read through Hebrews 1:1-14

1. Now God has spoken to us by _____ whom He appointed _____, through whom _____. He is the _____ and the exact _____ of His power. (1:2-3)

2. What did Jesus do after making purification for sins? (1:3)
 3. Jesus is going to be in control over everything. What is Jesus' rule like? (1:8-9)
 4. What is going to happen to the earth and the heavens? (1:10-12)
 5. What is going to happen with Jesus' enemies? (1:13)
 6. What do you think the focus of this passage is?
- Read through 1 Peter 2:9-12**
1. What are you as the church? (2:9-10)
 2. What is life like for you as the church in this fallen age? (2:11)
 3. How is the church supposed to live among the fallen culture? (2:12)

2. What are the most significant changes you have seen in our culture in your lifetime? How do you feel about them?

3. How can we make much of Jesus in this rapidly changing culture?
4. This year, we are going to focus on Making Room to Make Disciples, or creating space in our lives to have relationships with people who don't know Jesus, so they can meet Jesus through us. This will require us to adjust our schedules and our priorities. It will also require longevity and faithfulness in our relationships, because we will have to be trustworthy to earn the trust of people, to help them see that Jesus is trustworthy. We can't expect people to value what we do, unless we help them see it. You will get challenges this year that will lead you through making a disciple of an unbeliever. Your Growth Group Leader should have your first challenge. What do you think it'll take for you to Make Room to Make a Disciple of an unbeliever in your context?