

# HOME GROUP

## Leader Guide



**Ojection! Part Two**  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2015



## **SHARE THE VISION (<10 minutes)**

As you start your group time, please be sure to discuss the following important topics listed below. This is key to keeping OneLifers informed.

### **GET TO KNOW ONE LIFE LUNCH**

Are you new to OneLife, and want to know more about how OneLife started and our vision to reach Knoxville? Sign up for the Get To Know OneLife lunch after the second service on the following dates: Halls – October 4th; Powell – October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **WE BELIEVE**

We Believe is the first step in having your child baptized at OneLife. It's a unique presentation where parents and kids learn what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We Believe will be held at Powell after today's second service, and at Halls after next week's second service.

## **KEY SCRIPTURES FOR THE WEEK:**

### **Galatians 2:11-14 (NLT)**

**11** But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. **12** When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile believers, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision. **13** As a result, other Jewish believers followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

**14** When I saw that they were not following the truth of the gospel message, I said to Peter in front of all the others, "Since you, a Jew by birth, have discarded the Jewish laws and are living like a Gentile, why are you now trying to make these Gentiles follow the Jewish traditions?"

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM HANDOUT (35 Minutes)

- 1. What are some examples of hypocrisy you've experienced in your life? These can be serious or funny. How did others perceive the hypocrisy? How did that affect the hypocrite's credibility or the credibility of what they represented?**

Get people talking about either times either they were hypocrites or a time they witnessed someone being hypocritical.

-Parents are excellent at "do what I say, don't do as I do"

-So are bosses, and politicians

-Don't be afraid to ask questions after they share the story. "How did that change things? What happened next time? How did that make you feel?"

- 2. *Where there is religion there will always be hypocrisy and where there is no hypocrisy, there will be relationship.* When are some times you've personally seen religion cause hypocrisy? How would things have been different if there was a relationship with Jesus?**

This could bring up past church hurt or so be sensitive to your group's past experiences. Let them not dwell in the hurt but instead find hope in how that hypocrisy was not true to what a relationship with Jesus brings. Answering the question "how would things have been different" is a critical exercise to see what it looks like to extend love and forgiveness so don't skip that question.

- 3. Read Galatians 2:11-14. Where is the religion in that passage that caused the hypocrisy?**

The answer here is "insisted on the necessity of circumcision." Follow that up with "is that legalism or cultural Christianity?"

- 4. The sermon outlines the two types of hypocrisy as “legalism” and “cultural Christianity.” Is there one of those two that is particularly convicting for you? Have you ever felt yourself lean more towards one or the other? In what ways?**

The best thing to do at this point is create an environment for confession and grace. Keep the focus on self-reflection and not on others.

- 5. How can focusing on the truth of the Gospel message and the relationship with God that Jesus provides help you in your battle against hypocrisy? What are some practical ways you can do this? What would making that change do for those who don't yet have a relationship themselves?**

Some practical ways:

- remembering your story of “before Jesus, when I met Jesus, since I met Jesus”;
- asking the Holy Spirit to show you how to respond out of your relationship with Jesus and not out of religion;
- reading God's Word and having it show you not religion, but instead reflect the Gospel message of forgiveness;
- remembering “It's not about me!”

**END YOUR TIME PRAYING TOGETHER (10 Minutes)**