THE WEEKLY

New Life Small Group Guide

For groups meeting
December 22 – 28, 2019
Whatever Happened to Baby
Jesus? #4 - Mercy Show-er
Gahanna campus

WELCOME (15 minutes)

• Ice Breaker: Tell about a time in your childhood when somebody tattled on you.

WORSHIP (10 minutes)

• Sing "Silent Night" by Danny Gokey & Karie Jobe. Lyrics are on the back.

WIN (15 minutes)

- PRAY for people you as a group are seeking to come to know Jesus as Savior.
- PLAN something fun to do together that you can invite these people to!

WORD (25 minutes)

Have everyone turn to and someone read **John 8:1-11**.

- 1. How does the way Jesus treated the woman in this story help you face the sins you struggle with?
- 2. How does the way Jesus dealt with this woman exemplify both mercy & truth? Which side do YOU most gravitate toward? How can you better present the balance that Jesus exemplifies?
- 3. When did you come to truly believe that Jesus values you as a person?
- 4. Talk about how there are two guilty, sinful types in this story both the adulterous woman *and* the self-righteous religious leaders. How can our sense of doing such a good job of following Jesus blind us to our own evil heart?
- 5. Read Romans 3:23 & John 1:12. Discuss how God shows us mercy (Not giving us what we deserve), but how grace (receiving what I don't deserve) requires the need of admitting my guilt and inability to deserve salvation on my own! How does this make it hard for some "good" people to bow their knee to Jesus as Savior?

WORKS (25 minutes)

• Break into smaller groups of **2 or 3's of the same gender** to pray for each other.

Silent Night

Danny Gokey & Karie Jobe

Silent night, Holy night
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, Holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

[Ad libs]

Silent night, Holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head The stars in the sky looked down where He lays The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay