

Home Group Leaders Discussion Guide MLK—2018

- Q. What do you appreciate/admire most about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.?
- Q. As you consider MLK's legacy, what do you think is most significant and impacting 50 years down the road?
- Q. What do you think modern day disciples of Jesus can (or need to) learn from the life and example of MLK?

The outline of the message we heard yesterday is this...

Guidelines for a Constructive Church (based on Luke 4:18-19 & Isaiah 61:1-2)

- I. Heal the Brokenhearted
 - II. Preach Deliverance to the Captives
 - III. Preach the Acceptable Year of the Lord
- Q. As you consider your HG and your congregation (Riverside) imagine/brainstorm what following those guidelines could look like. (Also identify ways you/we are already doing that...already following those guidelines.)
 - Q. *"Church is not a social club...Church is not an entertainment center."*, are statements from MLK's message. As a group list other things the church is NOT that people are tempted to think it is. Also, take time to describe what the church IS.

(*Hint: Our Christology leads to our Missiology, which leads to our Ecclesiology. "Ecclesiology" is "the study and understanding of the church".*)
 - Q. In the message, MLK stated that *"Good Friday is a reality...failure is a reality....we need to preach Good Friday as well as Easter/Resurrection Sunday."* What do you think he meant by that? How does a balanced view/understanding of life help us...both personally and in how we minister to those around us?
 - Q. In the message, MLK said *"We need to keep our theology ahead of our technology."* (How timely is that?!?!). Practically speaking, what does that look like? What questions should we be asking and wrestling with? (*Please keep in mind that as we communally wrestle with tough questions—good and important questions—we will inevitably disagree on some matters. Often, it's the fear of disagreement and the assumed conflict that will result that keeps us from communally wrestling with the tough questions. We need to embrace the tension of holding fast to unity while at the same time entering into challenging conversations.*)