

# Winter Small Groups

**Coldwater Group**

Mondays 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Scott Carpenter  
517.617.5438

**East Gilead Group**

Thursdays 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Greg Maertin  
419.345.4022

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**Tijuana Fellowship Group**

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Contact: Paul Alger  
517.677.0444

**Bronson Group**

Thursdays 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Jim Wickey  
517.369.6229

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**Effective Parenting Group**

Sundays 6:30 p.m. (at the church)

Contact: Brandon Carpenter  
989-277-5988

**Bethel Group**

Time and location TBA

Contact: David Minard  
517.756.8000

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## Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of January 20, 2019

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Last week, we saw our first call to commitment for 2020 -- to “Live the Life”. We discussed the fact that every Christian is called to live under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Today, let’s look at the challenge of “Being the Church” under the Headship of Jesus Christ.

- I. Read [Colossians 1:13-14](#). What is the dominion of darkness and how did God rescue us from it? What is the Kingdom of the Son and how does the local church fit into it? Now read [Colossians 1:15-18](#). List all the titles Jesus holds in this passage. What does it mean that Jesus is “head of the body, the church”? How can we, as a congregation, practically look to Jesus (not to the pastor, or a leadership board) as our head? Share some ways that we as a church can better practice doing this. Where do the pastor and church leaders come in?
- II. Pastor Jim suggested four areas we can improve over the next two years -- *Worship, Discipleship, Stewardship and Evangelism*.

\*Worship: How would you define worship? What role should it play in our weekly congregational life? Read [John 4:21-24](#). Explains how we can worship God in spirit? In truth? How could we improve this at our church? Likewise, how can we improve our congregational prayer life? Any ideas or suggestions?

\*Discipleship: Read [Matthew 28:19-20](#). What is a disciple and how are they “made”? Is a disciple the same as a “minister”? Explain your answer. What could we do to better make disciples at Bethel Gilead?

\*Stewardship: Read [2 Corinthians 9:10-11](#). “Finances are not an end, but a means to an end.” What is “the end”(the objective, the product) of a local church? How does money influence our “product” (disciples, changed lives, ministry)? As stewards of God’s money, how can our church better manage finances? Any concerns or questions about the financial needs and operations of our church? What could we do better in the coming years?

\*Evangelism: Pastor Jim suggested the best outreach strategy for any church is simply to duplicate ourselves (“Each one reach one”). Do you agree? Are you intimidated by personal evangelism? How could we better train “every member to be a minister” in this area? According to [Matthew 9:37-38](#), what role should prayer play in raising up workers for the harvest?

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