

Community Group—Leader Guide
Week of September 4
1 Corinthians 9:19-23

This first time together as a group is going to be light—nothing too significant to process or navigate. Be sure to thank group members for participating each time they share and be especially sensitive to new members to the group.

The first few questions are designed to make it easy for new members to get acquainted with the group and how the group works. Listen carefully when people share how they saw God in their lives.

Take a few minutes for each person introduce themselves and share what they did over the summer.

Share how you saw God over the summer.

Community Group Guidelines are how we agree to do group. As a group read through each of the guidelines and talk through any questions.

Bible Study

Pray that God would help you hear and do what he is saying.

Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 twice.

- What is the gospel?

It is the “good news” of Jesus Christ—that his perfect sacrifice on the cross set’s us free from the judgement our sin deserved. We have no hope to be set free without Jesus yet we freely receive this grace by putting our faith in him.

- What was Paul’s strategy for sharing the gospel with people?

All things... all people...

- Why would we want to become all things to all people? Shouldn’t we just be ourselves?

When we find ways to connect with others we can help them connect to Jesus.

- Think about and share an example of what this could look like in your life with your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers.

You may need to go first to give them an example of what this could look like. For example (and don’t use this one), “My neighbor likes to garden. I don’t but I can ask if I can help sometime.”

- How does this conversation make you feel?

Listen well to hear which stage of spiritual maturity they are speaking from.

As We Go

- How is God challenging you?
- What do you need to do this week to follow through on God’s challenge in your life?
- Pray for each other and an opportunity to share with someone else how God is challenging you.



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Community Group Member Covenant

- I will make attendance a priority in my schedule and involvement a priority in my participation.
- I will build trust by holding in confidence those things shared in the Community Group.
- I will engage with a disciple maker—someone that will help me grow as a disciple of Jesus and teach me how to be a disciple maker as well.

Community Group Apprentice Covenant

- I will pray for the Community Group Members daily.
- I will accept the responsibility to invite and welcome others into the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple someone in the Community Group beyond group meetings focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, and others they are discipling.
- I will seek to multiply the Community Group and not just grow the group.
- I will talk with my Community Group Leader each week and meet monthly beyond group meetings.

Community Group Leader Covenant

- I will pray for the Community Group Members daily.
- I will accept the responsibility to invite and welcome others into the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple someone in or out of the Community Group.
- I will relationally disciple an apprentice focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, leadership skills they are developing in the group meeting and others they are discipling.
- I will seek to multiply the Community Group and not just grow the group.
- I will talk with my Community Group Coach each week and meet monthly.

Community Group Coach Covenant

- I will pray for my assigned Community Group Leaders daily.
- I will relationally disciple someone.
- I will call my assigned Community Group Leaders each week focusing on their personal relationship with Jesus, process group time and their progress with their apprentice.
- I will meet with my assigned Community Group Leaders each month.
- I will talk with my Community Group Pastor every other week and meet together each month.