

Acts 20:25-31 /// Week of March 5

Today's big idea: It is important to know who we are as a church.

Have You Ever instructions: Set up chairs in a circle with one less chair than group members. Then have one person stand in the middle of the circle. The person will say, "Have you ever..." and then finish the sentence with something they have done or experienced in their lives. If anyone else has also had that experience they must get up and find a new seat, as will the person in the middle. The person who doesn't find a seat will be the next to ask, "Have you ever..."

- Play "Have You Ever?"
 - Questions on how to play? Ask Naomi, Susan Cudnik, Pastor David or Pastor Tim (this was played at the DS1 Training in Tomball)
 - As the leader – take note as to what experiences were shared and opportunity for follow up after the group.

After the game ask people what they learned and how they felt sharing things about themselves.

- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

This may be a difficult text to do Storytelling. Feel free to simply read the text multiple times together instead in you prefer.

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Paul with the Ephesian leaders.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Acts 20:25-31 in the Bible.
- What did Paul claim about himself to these leaders?
- What did Paul encourage the leaders to do?

Heart

This is a great place to hear what stage of spiritual maturity your group members are in. Make a mental note and follow up accordingly.

- Why is it important for us to know what we believe?
- Do you see yourself as a shepherd of God's church, one who is being shepherded or something else? And why?
- Do you feel like you are part of the HFC family and what does that mean to you?

Hands

Steps that group members could take include attending Free Coffee With Naomi, watching the HFC Family Series, reading the What We Believe section on the website, being intentional to read your Bible, and asking questions to trusted leaders.

- What is one step you could take to learn more about who we are as a church, or how could you help someone else learn more about who we are as a church?
- What are some things that each of us can do to "keep watch over yourselves and all the flock"?
- Close in prayer together.

Before You Go...

- Discuss planning a group WeServe activity in March
What ideas do you have for a service project individually, as a family, or as a community group that you would like to lead? Contact: Naomi at 713.202.1395 or naomi@hfcog.org



Community Group Covenants - hfcog.org

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.