

Community Groups – Week of 10/14/18

Welcome to the first week of community groups! Christians were designed by God to live in community with one another; the more we embrace that, the more we enable ourselves to walk closely with God himself.

Since you may or may not know the others in your group, take the first few minutes to get to know one another a little better:

- Have each person share:
 - who they are,
 - least or most favorite thing about the fall,
 - and one of the reasons why you're here (in this group).

The main goal for the next few weeks is to help everyone understand the identity and goal of a Bethel Church Community Group. If you picture it like a 3-legged stool, the three "legs" (critical pieces that without it would fall), are:

*COMMUNITY
BIBLICAL CONTENT
and ACCOUNTABILITY.*

These will make up the core identity of your group in the months to come.

TODAY'S FOCUS: COMMUNITY

1. In your own words, what does healthy community look like?
2. Read Romans 15.2-7 as a group twice (2 times can be helpful).
 - Paul obviously is writing this TO a community of believers (a small house church is a matter of fact). What did you observe in the text about things that should be TRUE of a community of believers?
 - (Hint: there's a lot) List them below:
3. Talk now as a group go back through your list and define any terms further that need more definition (what does it mean?)
4. APPLICATION: Now go through your list of observations one more time and talk about how any number of them might ACTUALLY LOOK in a small group today.
5. Pray. This will be another constant in the presence of the group each week, for today, simply have your leader pray for the group this year, and that a great measure of "biblical community" would be reached.