

October 28th, 2018 Message Discussion Questions

REVIEW:

1. A big part of Community Groups moving forward will be the further discussion of sermon content from Sunday (its good to consistently press principles from God's Word into your mind!). Today though, we will continue to outline the PURPOSE of COMMUNITY GROUPS (Community, Accountability, Biblical Content).

However, before we do that, **if there was anything from Sunday's sermon that particularly impacted you, or that you want to discuss, take a second and discuss that as a group together.**

2. In the last 2 weeks, in talking through WHY Community Groups exist, we talked particularly about COMMUNITY, and BIBLICAL CONTENT. **If you were here, review some of that discussion briefly:**

- What is biblical community?
- Why is the Bible so important to the community we form?
- What did you group picture the combination of these 2 things looking like in your context today?

3. TODAY, we focus on ACCOUNTABILITY. We believe this is the last critical piece to doing life together as the church in your group. To explore this concept biblically – read the following:

- 1 Thessalonians 5.11

- An interchangeable word for “accountability” would be “encouragement” – which makes this a helpful verse in terms of us understanding this idea.
- *In what ways could a group like this function in terms of “encouragement” and “building one another up?”*

* anytime you see a “therefore” in the front of a verse, it should always trip something in your mind to want to look BACK to see what its there-for...

- THEREFORE, go back and read vv1-10 together now as a group.

- What observations can be made about these verses? (What's true here?)
- How does this help give definition to what our “encouragement” and “building one another up” should look like in the church (your group)?

4. What's one way you'll apply these verses to your life this week?

5. Pray together before you go.

- Prayer is a huge way to encourage one another and to bear one another's burdens in the way the Bible tells us we are accountable to do. Spend some time praying for one another before you go.