

## Community Group Questions 10.16.16

Welcome to week 2 of Community Groups! Normally the content here would connect back to the sermon content – but for these first two weeks we’re focusing in on some “Community Group basics.” Next week we’ll begin going directly off the sermons.

1. Since its only the second week of these groups, take a little time again at the beginning to go around and do introductions (leader goes last).

- Have each person say: who they are, what they do, and one favorite free time activity.
- After each individual, have the next person repeat each person’s before them name and favorite free time activity 😊

2. Last week groups discussed the 3 main identity pieces of Bethel Community Groups. Review what each was, and talk about what is meant by each.

- (CHEAT SHEET: biblical study, community, accountability)

3. This week the focal point of conversation will be the Gospel. Each of the 3 pillars of Community Groups are rooted and grown out of the Gospel itself, as should be everything we do as believers.

- As a group try to chip away together at this question: What is the Gospel?

4. While we could talk about the Gospel and all of its angles for WEEKS on end, for today we’ll zoom in on Ephesians 2.1-10. As a group read that passage and talk through the following questions:

- What is critical to understand about how we all “start out” in terms of our relationship with God?
- What makes “being dead” different from being “good” or “bad” people?
- What does this passage tell us about our nature as human beings?
- What does this passage tell us about God?
- How does this passage describe the Gospel (the good news of Christ’s work on our behalf)?
- What does this passage say is the ultimate point of the Gospel?
  - (hint: key on v7 “so that...”)
- What does this passage tell us about our purpose now as Gospel people living under God’s grace?
- Now take a shot at summing everything up:
  - *in 3-5 sentences what’s the Gospel according to this passage?*

5. You might have noticed the major “movements” in the passage say this: first, we’re hopelessly self-centered in how we live without Christ. Second, God saved us through Christ. Third, we now live a changed life for God’s glory.

- Now think about your own story in these 3 categories and (if comfortable) share with the group your story in this way:
  - Who you were before, how you turned and by faith gave your life to him, and who you are now as a result (this is your testimony).

6. Now circle back to our Community Group “big 3.” How should the Gospel impact moving forward:

- Our biblical study? Our community? Our accountability?

7. Close by praying for one another.