

Community Group Questions 10.9.16

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.

1. 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 the leader start a stop watch (or watch the clock) and have each person talk about themselves for 1 minute (90 seconds if your group is smaller).
- The only 2 rules are: you have to talk about yourself, and that you can't stop talking until the time is up!
- Allow for a couple of questions of the person from the group after their time is up
- (LEADERS ONLY: consider asking favorite food/drink questions here, may give you ideas for future meetings!)

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

*BIBICAL STUDY,
COMMUNITY,
and ACCOUNTABILITY.*

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

2. Read Romans 15.2-7 as a group twice (2 times can be helpful).

- What did you observe in the text (not arguable, no opinions yet) about the role of GODS WORD within a community of believers?
- What did you observe in the text about the nature of COMMUNITY?
- What did you observe about ACCOUNTABILITY (encouraging and challenging others to grow in faith and obedience)?
- In what ways do the 3 of these work together/are dependent on one another?
- What is the end goal of all of it? (hint: found twice in vv6-7)

3. Talk now as a group about how those 3 principles might translate over into our context today.

- What will it look like to do each well in your group (talk about each separately: Biblical study, Community, Accountability)?

4. Pray. This will be another constant in the presence of the group each week, go around and share one prayer request for the week and pray for one another.