

Christ Community Church

Community Group Discussion Guide for Week of October 5, 2025

Announcements

1. **Community Group:** Any specific announcements or things to discuss pertaining to your community group?
2. **Next Spark a Friendship at Catch-a-Fire Pizza:** Join us after the service on the 2nd Sunday of every month for lunch together at Catch-a-Fire in Blue Ash. Next lunch is October 12th.
3. **Next Men's Meetup:** Join us at Hoppin' Vines in Kenwood on Thursday, October 16th from 7:30 to 9:00 PM for dinner, drinks, and good company!
4. **Next Women's Meetup:** Join us at the home of Heidi Collins in Blue Ash on Thursday, October 24th from 7:30 to 9:00 PM for a bonfire.
5. **Boo Fest at the Blue Ash YMCA:** Join us on Thursday, October 23 from 6 to 8 PM for the Blue Ash YMCA's annual Trunk or Treat. We will be passing out fidgets, candy, invitations to church, and our very own Rachel Hammitt will be playing live music! And if you'd like to participate, let us know!

Opening Question – What is your most memorable Halloween costume?

Jude 20-25

Leader's Note: Open with a brief prayer, asking God to make the group receptive to His Word. Then invite someone to read the passage aloud. (For longer sections, consider dividing the reading among several people.)

[20] But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, [21] keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. [22] And have mercy on those who doubt; [23] save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

[24] Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, [25] to the only God, our Savior, through

Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Discussion Questions

1. Verse 20 calls believers to “build yourselves up in your most holy faith.” What do you think this practically looks like?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): What are some practices that have personally helped you grow spiritually? What are some relationships that have helped you grow spiritually? How did they help you?*
2. Additionally, verse 20 calls us to pray “in the Holy Spirit,” emphasizing our dependence on God’s presence and alignment with God’s will as we pray. How might this impact how you pray and what you pray for?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): What do you think is the difference between Spirit-led prayer as opposed to self-driven prayer? What do you think the difference is between praying to get something from God as opposed to praying to be with God? What would it look like for prayer to become more of a reflex as opposed to a reaction in your daily life?*
3. Verse 21 calls us to keep ourselves “in the love of God” while “waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.” What are some common distractions or challenges that pull you and others away from resting in God’s love, and how might we encourage one another to remain anchored in it?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): What truths about the gospel help re-center our hearts in God’s love? How does community play a role in helping us “keep” one another in God’s love?*
4. Verses 22–23 urge us to show mercy to those who doubt and to those caught in sin. What does it look like to extend God’s mercy to people who are struggling, doubting, or far from God, while still holding fast to the truth?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): How have people been kind to you in seasons of struggling, doubting, and/or wandering? How does remembering God’s mercy towards you change how you view and treat yourself and others?*
5. In verses 24–25, Jude praises the God who keeps and sustains His people. How does this promise strengthen your faith and steady your heart as you seek to follow Christ in the everyday rhythms of life?
⇒ *Potential Follow-Up Question(s): None.*

Prayer

Leader's Note: Wrap up your time by moving into prayer. Begin by inviting group members to share any requests, especially in light of the categories listed below. When someone shares, ask if another person would be willing to pray for that request. Then open the group prayer time by asking someone to start and encourage others to pray as they feel led. When it seems like the time is drawing to a close, finish by thanking God for His Word and for the time you've had together.

- In Response to God's Word: What applications stand out from our discussion and how can we pray for one another in light of what God has shown us from his word?
- For "Heart-Level" Concerns: Because real change begins in the heart, how can we pray for each other at a "heart-level"—where trusting God feels hard or where walking closely with Him is a struggle?
- For Personal Requests: What are some personal needs or situations where you'd like prayer?
- For Kingdom Concerns: What are some things going on in our church and in our community that we can be praying for?
- For Those You are Ministering to Personally: Who are some people that you know who aren't following Jesus and how can we be praying for them in hopes that they would come to know and grow in Jesus?