

Small Group Discussion Questions - Fall Semester // Week 4

Remember, these questions are just tools for discussion. You don't need to 'get through them all'. Use the questions that are helpful, skip the questions that are not. And let the conversation flow naturally.

Optional Ice Breaker(s)

- a) What is your favourite Thanksgiving dinner food?
- b) Share something that you are thankful for about your group.

Passage and Discussion

Read Acts 2:42-47

- a) What did the fellowship of believers look like in **Acts 2:42-47**? What stands out to you?
- b) How is the list of descriptors of the early church in this passage similar or different when compared to your experience of church?
- c) **Acts 2:45** talks about selling possessions to take care of the needy. This is fleshed out more in Acts 4:34-36.
 - i) How did this work?
 - ii) What would it look like today?
 - iii) Why were Ananias and Sapphira punished in Acts 5:1-10?
- d) **Acts 2:46** talks about meeting in the temple and at each others' homes. Why was it important to do both?
- e) What are the results of this Acts church type of fellowship in **v47**? Why do you think this resulted?
- f) Read **Genesis 2:15-18** and **Hebrews 10:25**. What is God's conclusion about living in isolation?
- g) Have you ever thought about being *created for community*?
- h) What is it about the Christian life that you cannot accomplish / experience in isolation?
- i) Read **Genesis 2:15-18**. How is the purpose and moral responsibility that God gives to Adam significant in this text? How is this related to God's declaration that it is not good for the man to be alone?
- j) **Acts 2:1-12** provides us with a picture of what the pouring out of the Holy Spirit at the first Pentecost looked like. **v5-6** indicates that Jews from different nations and languages were in

Jerusalem to witness this. Read **Leviticus 23:15-22** to help understand why there would have been many from other nations in Jerusalem 50 days after Christ's resurrection on first fruits. How should the picture of Pentecost encourage us today?

- k) Read **Hebrews 10:25**. What are some practical ways we can encourage one another today?
- l) **Hebrews 10:25** speaks of a 'Day' approaching; what day is being referred to here? How should the content of verses like this impact our priorities?
- m) Read **Genesis 1:26**. God himself is communal; three in one. How does this help shift your view of Christian community? Does it?
- n) What holds you back from pursuing community? What holds you back from helping someone else be in community?
- o) Was there anything else in the text or message that stood out to you as impactful or challenging?

Take it Home (Optional Ideas for Response this Week)

- a) Who is someone you can care for practically this week?
- b) Think of someone whom you have stopped meeting with. Give them a phone call/text/email and let them know you were thinking about them this week. To go even further, plan a get together with that person.
- c) "When we gather, we pray to acknowledge God is in our midst." Take time to reflect on how you can be more intentional in reminding yourself in the day to day, that God is with you and that we live for him (pray before work, have a memory verse, prayer card for an individual).

Optional Ideas for Prayer Time

- a) Ask the Lord to give you courage to invite someone into your home and/or to church.
- b) Pray for those in our church who are not connected to a small group community. Pray that they would get connected, and pray to ask God if there is someone your group should open its doors to.

Opportunities to Gather, Grow, Go

- a) **GATHER:** Worship Night - October 17th @7pm.

Join us for a night of praise and worship. We are excited to have the opportunity to come together IN PERSON to lift up the name of Jesus!

- b) **GROW:** Sunday Morning Men's Class:

The men's community meet on Sundays at 8:30 AM on Zoom for a study on "The Old Testament - Historical Books" by Preston Sprinkle. Through this study, we will look closely into God's interactions with Israel, and we will be challenged to understand how God uses history to reveal Himself to us. You can register on Grant's website.

- c) **GO:** Youth for Christ Winnipeg Virtual Banquet - October 19th @7pm

You are invited to a watch party for the virtual YFC Winnipeg banquet on Tuesday, October 19th from 7-8:15pm in the Fellowship Hall at Grant Memorial. This will be a time to learn more about the ministries of YFC and to hear GMC endorsed missionary Mark Dupuis share about his work as Senior Ministry Director there. This is a virtual fundraiser where you can support Mark in prayer, encouragement and financially. Desserts and coffee will be provided. Please advise of any food allergies when you register. Please register with Mark Dupuis at mark.dupuis@yfcwinnipeg.ca or at 204-891-8422.