

The Bible and Community

The Way Series

Discussion Questions

- **Do you think Americans have increasingly become more individualistic over the years? Can you give examples?**
 - What are the positives of a strong individualism?
 - What are the negatives of a strong individualism?

- **Read Acts 2:41-42**
 - How does this passage describe the gathering of the early Christians?
 - What stands out to you about this passage?
 - What are generally known as the spiritual disciplines of the faith?
 - How does the passage emphasize the plurality of doing the spiritual disciplines?
 - Where does Bible study fall into this passage?

- **Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17**
 - Put this passage into your own words?
 - Why would this suggest that the reading and study of Scripture is essential to spiritual growth?

- **Did anyone grow up hearing about studying the Bible by yourself (devotionally; quiet time)?**
 - What are the benefits of studying the Scripture by yourself?

- **The statement was made that the Bible isn't primarily addressed to us as individuals but to the believing covenant community as a whole.**
 - Why is this an important truth?
 - How can we find examples of that in the New Testament?
 - The sermon stressed that the vast majority of "you" references in the Bible are plural (i.e., y'all), not singular. Why does that matter?

- **What are the benefits of reading and studying the Bible as a community?**

- **How does this truth of communal reading and studying the Scriptures align with CCCC's vision of small group?**
 - How has small group helped you in your spiritual growth concerning God's Word?
 - How does our gospel identities in the Spiritual Growth Grid (citizen, family, missionary) intersect the truths about engaging the Bible in the covenant community?
 - How can small group continue to encourage each other to grow in God's Word together?