



Literacy Check

- Acts 16:31
- 1 Corinthians 12:18-21
- Hebrews 10:23-25
- Colossians 2:6-7
- Matthew 6:19-21
- Luke 5:20

Let's Break the Ice

What would the title of your autobiography be?

Introduction

Fall means many things: back to school, back to work, deadlines, frantic schedules...and less sunlight. But don't be blue! Get your rhythm back with Jesus!

A Good Idea

We have the habit of praying at the end of small group. This is great but why not **also** pray up front for the Holy Spirit to show up during your group time?

Things to Ponder

Take some time to discuss what stood out to each of you as you read God's word. Often someone will catch something new and exciting that your group has not thought on before. This is a great catalyst to engaging with God and fostering discussion!

When we think of the word church, a whole host of emotions and images come to mind: stained glass windows and robes, choirs, etc. Each person has a different history and opinion of what "church" is. Talk about that.

We don't think of the word "fort" when we think of church very often, but it can be a really good metaphor for what we are to be like as the "church" here on Earth for people. Church should be a safe place for people to come and get bandaged up after being out in "the wild". Thinking on the texts you read, what are some ways the church can function as a "fort" or safe haven for the lost and broken?

How can you get involved both at Branches and out in the world around you?

Wrapping Up

Just because we prayed up front doesn't mean we can't do it again! Thank God for the time you spent with your small group family and ask for prayer requests from the group to approach God with.