

Questions for eGroup Discussion

Journeying Together

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How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

Group Participants: Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

Group Leaders: Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

Getting Started

What are you most looking forward to in 2019, or do you have any specific goals or resolutions for the year ahead?

Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

Spirit: *Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You and To Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read aloud Ephesians 3:14-19. What words, phrases, or details stand out to you or raise some questions for you from these verses?

What insights from Pastor Alan's message on verses 16-19 connected with you, challenged you, created some tensions, or encouraged you in some way?

How would you describe what it means to be "rooted in love" (verse 17), and the benefits of living life in this way?

In his message, Pastor Alan said that, *"There are two possible realms/atmospheres in which we live our lives: fear or love. Most everything we do is motivated by one of those two things."*

What's your response to these statements?

On a scale of 0-5 (0 = not at all | 5 = very much so) how rooted in love do you think you are these days? Explain.

To what degree does fear interfere with your level of rootedness?

Embrace the Gospel Continued

From this weekend's message and the following verses, how do these three things contribute to our growth in rootedness?

God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16-4:4)

Our love for other people (John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-12)

Our commitment to God's people, the church (Hebrews 10:23-25)

Application: *What Is God Saying To Us/Me?*

In general, what is God saying to you from this week's message and group discussion?

In what area/s is God inviting you into a deeper experience of rootedness in the year to come ... both personally and as an eGroup?

In your relationship with His Word

In your love for other people

In your commitment to our church family

What intentional next steps is God inviting you to take to grow in your rootedness in these areas?

Experience the Spirit

Prayer: Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word

As you pray for one another this week, begin by praying aloud in unison the words of Ephesians 3:16-19 over our church and your eGroup:

Lord, as a vital part of your church at Christ Community, together as a group "We pray that out of your glorious riches you will strengthen us with power through your Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And we pray that, being rooted and established in love, we may have power, together with all your holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is your love, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Then pray for responses to this week's message and eGroup discussion.

When you're done, spend time praying for general needs and concerns for one another.

Engage in Mission

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community make a difference by compassionately moving outward toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways.

In what ways do you see this goal being lived out in and through our eGroup? How might it be advanced in greater ways over the next few months? And what would it look like to do this – think specifically and practically?

If you're open to some ideas and possibilities that would fit your group, or simply want to brainstorm some spiritual stirrings, feel free to reach out to Pastor Shane Fanning at shanef@cccgreeley.org / 970.475.1991.



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