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INTRO & ICE BREAKER

Introduce yourself and answer this: As we prepare to move into our new building, what is something you are thankful for that happened during Our City Church being at Centennial High School?

RECAP & DISCUSSION

Pastor Chris dove into the uncomfortable topic of how others may feel when they hear negativity from any of us during difficult times and how our outlook affects every season of our lives. He emphasized that sometimes we can be the individual who looks at every situation as a “glass half empty” scenario. He also provided some wisdom from the apostle Paul on how to approach situations where everything is not going right and how to move forward from one season of life into the next.

Discussion:

- Let's spend a few moments sharing what stood out to us from the message on Sunday. What was new or unexpected? What impacted you the most? What did you talk about after service?

Have someone read: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

In this passage, the apostle Paul calls on people who are struggling to show appreciation for those who are working hard or doing good in our lives. He also makes a point to tell them to warn those who are idle and disruptive, to encourage the disheartened, to help the weak and to be patient with everyone.

Discussion:

- How might this change your view of how you respond to others during times of hardship?
- Are there opportunities in your life to be more thankful and see the good in those around you?

- How might taking this approach change your heart or inspire you to be more compassionate?

Pastor Chris highlighted that in times of change, whether coming out of a difficult season or heading into one, we should stop to appreciate what is good in our life and acknowledge the work others have done to improve our world. He expressed that it is easy to be overly critical or take people for granted, when our heart and mindset are not in the right place. He also shared that we should not be looking to exact payback on others when we feel wronged. Instead, we should look for opportunities to rejoice, pray and give thanks. He encouraged us to evaluate our words and tone, while considering the impact on those around us.

Discussion:

- Regardless of your current situation, what could you be grateful for?
- How might being thankful, help to change a bad situation or help you heading into a difficult season?

ANNOUNCE

- **Building Update!**
 - This Sunday, March 12th will be our first Sunday at our new building!
 - We will be moving to 2 services - 9am and 11am. Please RSVP so we plan out both services to the best of our ability!
 - 268 N. Lincoln Ave, Ste 17/18 (cross streets - Lincoln and Railroad, north of the 91).
 - 3/12 - our first Sunday at our new church home!! It is also DAYLIGHT SAVINGS!
 - Our City Kids is having a PJ and Donut party that morning!

PRAY

One of the things that we want to focus on each season of Life Groups is to get comfortable praying out loud together. Close out your time together with prayer. If you're a newer Life Group, the leader can set an example by leading in prayer, but explain that we'll all be doing this over the next few weeks together. Explain that prayer is simply talking to God - there aren't perfect words to say. Next week, encourage someone else to close in prayer!

Are there any prayer requests or praise/celebrations?

- Please pray for our new building and for the final details for our Phase 1 move in!

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