

ROOTED

—In Community—

Group Discussion notes for May 24, 2020

Ice Breaker: Share a Covid-19 “confession.” It can be something positive or negative such as what you have done or not done, eaten, or not eaten, etc. during this time. (Example “I ate a quart of ice cream all by myself.”)

Why Social Distancing is so counter-human...

It is not good for the man to be alone... (Genesis 2:18)

The downside to online offerings with no in-person gathering: spiritual and social laziness – “As a door turns on its hinges, so a sluggard turns on his bed. (**Proverbs 26:14**)

How has this time of isolation made you lazy spiritually, stronger spiritually or has it not made a difference?

Spiritual maturity has always been a team sport...

*From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (**Ephesians 4:16**)*

Give an example of how you have seen different people in the church work together even though their gifts might be vastly different.

Spiritual roots grow deep when there is...

- **Encouragement to bless us** – “Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, brother, because you have refreshed the hearts of many saints.” (**Philemon 7**)

Name one person in your life who encourages you in your walk with Jesus. Will you contact them this week to thank them?

- **Support to carry us** – “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (**Galatians 6:2**)

Describe a time when a church family member helped you through a difficult time.

- **Teaching to direct us** – *“I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.” (Romans 15:14)*

What is something you have learned from someone you are in community with?

- **Accountability to sharpen us** – *“Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come... So watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him.” (Luke 17:1, 3)*

How do you feel about holding someone accountable?

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. (Proverbs 27:17)

The relational “trinity” required for growth in community – humility, patience and grace...

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:2)

Which of the three items for spiritual growth in community do you struggle with most and what do you plan to do about it?

***The point of Christian community with each other
is a deeper community with God...***

*We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.
(1 John 1:3)*

Who do you know that would benefit from our church community? How will you encourage them to take part in fellowship with other Christians?