

## Tools/Activities for Groups

### **Icebreaker activities (5-10 minutes)**

- Getting to Know
  - Group members write interesting facts about themselves
  - Place facts in a container
  - One person reads each fact as group members guess which group member it's about
  
- Love Language Quiz
  - Each member visits the following website [www.5lovelanguages.com](http://www.5lovelanguages.com)
  - Follow the prompts to complete the Love language quiz
  - Share out results with your group
    - Keep record of results
  
- Find the Common Thread
  - Get into groups of 2-3
  - Ask questions to try and find 4-5 similarities within the group
    - Example (we all have pets, we all love apple pie)
  - Write down similarities and share with the larger group
  
- Iron Sharpening Iron (Back to Back Drawing)
  - Pair up and sit back to back
  - Identify one person from the grouped pairs as the artist and one as the describer
  - Describer will choose an image of an object and provide 5 descriptions of the object to be drawn without identifying it
  - The artist will attempt to draw the object based on the 5 descriptions provided
  - When completed, the artist will reveal their drawings to be compared with the actual object
    - (For example, for the image of a dog, the describer can describe it by saying: it's an animal, it has a tail, it has four legs, it comes in various sizes, and its tongue sticks out)

### **Activities for Getting Deeper**

- Quilted or Pictured Together **\*\* (Mandatory)**
  - create a group quilt or a picture collage (Romans 12:15 "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.")
  - Use individual pictures from summer vacations or of group hangouts for collage
  - Post pictures of your collages or quilts on social media with the hashtag #hillsidegroups
  
- Sharing Burdens for Your City
  - Will need a small bag of rocks
  - Each person will take a rock to represent a burden they have for their city
  - As each person shares their burden, place the rock at the center of the group

- The meaning behind this is to have a visual representation of the group bearing one another's burdens as described in Galatians 6:2
  - Take time to pray for each burden presented
- Called to Serve
  - Set some time for your group to serve together
    - For example, your group can select a Sunday to serve at Hillside, or choose a day to serve your community at a soup kitchen, health center, etc.
- Loving Neighbors
  - Doing an activity that focus on reaching out to your neighbors
    - For example, delivering baked goods to neighbors to get to know them.