

## SERMON STUDY



God wants us to know his immeasurable strength. And how has he made it known to us? Ephesians 1:20-23 tell us that God's power is made known to us through Christ's victory over death and his God-given authority over Satan and his horde. Spiritual evil is crushed under Christ's feet. And He is head over everything for the church.

God has ordained that spiritual growth isn't a solo sport—it's a team sport in the church. God grows his people when they use God's tools in committed, gospel relationships. We want to build our groups on God's design, so we often remind one another that groups grow together into loving God's word, people, presence, and mission.

This week, let's do something different. Spend time evaluating your growth group and planning for the winter and spring quarters. How is your group growing in your love for God's word, people, presence, and mission?

### WE LOVE GOD'S WORD

*Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

~ Colossians 3:16 ~

1. What are your goals for Scripture intake for this year?
2. How should we approach Scripture reading during our group meetings this next quarter? Should we read sequentially through a book? Read the Psalm of the month each week? Something else?

### WE LOVE GOD'S PEOPLE

*"I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

~ John 13:34-35 ~

3. What should the mission of our growth group be?

4. How can we serve one another over the upcoming months?
5. Who will be responsible for coordinating these service opportunities?
6. Are we comfortable confronting and being confronted about blind spots or sins in our lives?

### WE LOVE GOD'S PRESENCE

*Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving.*

~ Colossians 4:2 ~

7. What obstacles to prayer time do we need to overcome?
8. How can we incorporate variety in both the practices and requests of our prayer?
9. Who would be willing to lead prayer time for the ideas we just discussed?

### WE LOVE GOD'S MISSION

*And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.*

~ Hebrews 10:24-25 ~

10. Who are you praying for to come to know Christ?
11. What are some upcoming service opportunities for our growth group?
12. Who will plan our monthly parties for the upcoming months? One person? Or a different person each month?
13. What unsaved person do you plan to invite to our next monthly party?

### PRAYER REQUESTS