SERMON STUDY



God has ordained that spiritual growth isn't a solo sport--it's a team sport. Growth happens as God's people use God's tool in committed, gospel relationships. We want to build our groups on God's design, so we often remind one another that groups grow together through the word and prayer, through good works and care.

This week, let's do something different. Spend time evaluating your growth group. How is your group growing together in the word, prayer, good works, and care?

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. Describe how your group engages through the word.
- 2. How does our Growth Group encourage our own reading and meditation on God's word?
- 3. What is one step we can take to deepen our roots in growing in the word together?

PRAYER

Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving. ~ Colossians 4:2~

- 4. Are multiple people comfortable both sharing prayer requests and praying in front of the group? Why or why not?
- 5. Is there variety in both the practices and requests of our prayers?
- 6. What obstacles to prayer time do we need to overcome?

GOOD WORKS

And let us watch out for one another 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 ~

- 7. Have we participated in a service project together within the last year? If so, what blessing did you receive? If not, what can we do inside or outside the walls of the church?
- 8. Are we welcoming to new guests? How can we be more hospitable?
- 9. Are we ready to multiply by sending one or two families out to start a new group? If not, what steps do we need to take?

CARE

"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 ~

- 10. What opportunities have we had to serve one another?
- 11. What opportunities have we had to show comfort to one another?
- 12. Are we comfortable confronting and being confronted about blind spots or sins in our lives?
- 13. How would you define the mission of your growth group?

PRAYER REQUESTS