

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide
January 24, 2016



Unstoppable: A Journey Through Acts – Week #3

INTRODUCTION:

1. This week Pastor Paul talked about the need for Gospel Centered Community in the life of a believer. As you open your group, take the time to share experiences people have had with the Church as community in their lives when they needed it the most.

DIVE IN:

1. It's time for a group gut check... As Paul talked about what biblical community looked like in the early church, and you thought about your community group here at RC3, how did it compare?
2. Read Acts 2:42-47 together.

"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved."

3. The big idea for this week's message was "You can't grow spiritually unless you're connected relationally." How have the relationships you've formed within your community group helped you grow spiritually? Take some time to share with one another how you've benefited from participating within group and how it's shaped you to become a more fully engaged follower of Jesus.
4. There is no such thing as a perfect community because there are no perfect people. We are all sinners, messed up, wounded, selfish people. And we form groups to gather those very people together and ask them to do life side by side, it can sometimes be awkward or painful. What has been difficult in your own walk about being involved in Gospel Centered Community?
5. Many of us go through the motions – we go to church, we serve, we come to group, but we never really let ourselves be known. Are you keeping walls up to really letting your group know you, warts and all, in a way that God can use them to shape you and grow you spiritually? What's keeping you from letting yourself truly be known within your group?
6. For many groups, it's time to have an honest expectations conversation again... Are you ready to dive in past the surface, small-talk conversations and basic Sunday school answers to really let God work in and through us as we submit to one another in love? Are we actively encouraging each other? Are we growing one another's faith? If you're not,

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today is the day to make a commitment to one another to strip away the pretense and walls that keep you from engaging community.

7. Did you notice that in the Acts passage that within the church functioning well in Gospel Centered Community that they grew daily? They were adding people to their numbers each day as they did life together. As your group meets frequently, is it evangelistic or inward focused? Is it inward focused to a point that it's unhealthy or no longer open to sharing the Gospel of Jesus? Take some time to talk about how your community group can intentionally be evangelistic. Sharing your faith should come naturally from Gospel Centered Community acting as it should!

NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?