

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide

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COMMUNITY GROUP NOTES

⇒ HOSTING GROUPS ONLINE / COVID-19 PLANS

During this season where we cannot meet in person as a church family, we're encouraging people to connect and meet online. We've put together a resource guide for hosting online groups. That guide walks through available technology platforms and provides best practices for having a successful online gathering. You can access that resource guide by clicking on the link below. If you have questions about moving your group online, or would like to start a new online group, please reach out to Matt Jewell, the Director of Groups, at mjewell@riverscrossing.com.

Resource Guide: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pr8HzgsyAD5bm2Z3uUwTkLU0uYdWtBir/view?usp=sharing>

⇒ HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR CARE NEED?

As a church, we're here for you and we are praying for you. If you have a prayer request or care need, you can submit both of those via the Rivers Crossing website (see the link below) or our church app.

Rivers Crossing Care Team: <https://riverscrossing.com/care-team/>

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Icebreaker Question: In our current time of social distancing, what activities have you taken up to pass the time and/or experience fun and laughter?
2. Reflect on your spiritual journey. Who, if anyone, taught or modeled for you how to pray? What were you taught about the purpose of prayer? How would you assess your current prayer life?
3. During times of stress, uncertainty, and trial – like so many of us are experiencing right now with the COVID-19 outbreak – do you find it easier or harder to engage with God in prayer? Explain your answer.
4. Read Matthew 6:5-15 together. From this passage of the Bible, Pastor Paul shared seven elements of a dynamic prayer life. Review those seven elements and discuss the corresponding questions.
 - Thanksgiving, praise, and worship
 - Surrendering to God's authority and inviting His guidance into every area of our lives
 - Seeking God's provision
 - Seeking God's forgiveness as we extend forgiveness to others
 - Asking for supernatural direction and protection
 - Acknowledgement of divine right
 - Declaration of faith in God
 - a) Which of these elements are already a part of the time you spend with God in prayer? Which of these elements are infrequent or even absent in the time you spend in prayer?
 - b) How might God be calling you to grow deeper in your relationship with Him through prayer? Share a next step with your prayer life that you can take this week. How can your group help you?

COMMUNITY GROUP PRAYER TIME

As you close your time in group, share personal prayer requests and spend time praying for one another.

Ongoing Prayer Requests: *That a spirit of fear and anxiety would not dominate our world / For local, state, and national leaders / For the safety of people in high-risk demographics / That God's peace will rule in our hearts / For our nurses, doctors, health-care workers, and emergency responders / For those who are struggling financially / For pastors and spiritual leaders worldwide*