

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide – ForCincy, Week #4 – January 27, 2019



ENGAGE ONE ANOTHER – INTRODUCTION

1. Share briefly about how you came to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Did you receive Christ as a result of a “cold-turkey” encounter (i.e. an encounter with an individual you had no prior relationship with) or an encounter that developed from a relationship with an individual whom you knew well? If you don’t yet have a personal relationship with Jesus, share about the circumstances that led you to attend church and participate in a community group.
2. When you hear the word evangelism, what are the first thoughts that come to mind and what emotions do you feel? Share briefly about why you chose those thoughts and/or emotions.

ENGAGE ONE ANOTHER – DIVING DEEPER

3. Pastor Paul stated that in order for #ForCincy to be movement, we have to start small to go big. For any of you who have been a part of someone’s journey to receive and follow Jesus, what was that experience like? How did it impact your own personal relationship with God?
4. Pastor Paul spoke about the idea of oikos – our unique “extended household” of about eight to fifteen people, with whom we share life most closely. Have each group member share briefly about who makes up their oikos. Is there any particular person(s) who stands out as someone God is calling you to immediately reach?
5. Read Acts 16:16-34 together. What is communicated about the principle of oikos through this Biblical narrative and the actions of Paul, Silas, and the jailer?
6. When you think about your unique oikos (8 to 15), are most of your close relationships with people who already have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? If so, how could you be more intentional to develop relationships with those who are unchurched and/or don’t know Jesus on a personal level?
7. How does the announcement of a Deer Park Campus relate to ForCincy? Are you open to attending the new campus to help reach one more person? How do you balance preference and convenience with fulfilling the Great Commission?
8. Read 1 Peter 3:8-18. Building relationships with your oikos may prove challenging if there are those who strongly disagree with or disparage your Christian beliefs. If you’ve experienced this tension, share briefly about what that was like. In light of Peter’s words, how might suffering actually provide a greater opportunity to share about faith in Jesus Christ?

PAUSE & REFLECT:

In the Psalms, it’s called a “Selah”. A moment to catch your breath, rest, and praise. It’s an intentional break to reflect and fully experience the moment before moving on. How did God challenge, encourage, correct, etc... as your group engaged one another in this conversation?

ENGAGE GOD – TIME IN PRAYER

At Rivers Crossing Community Church, we exist to **give one more person** the opportunity to become a fully engaged follower of Christ.

As followers of Jesus Christ, this mission is applicable to each of us. One of the primary activities that God has called you to is to partner with Him in His mission – to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10).

Spend some time in prayer together reflecting on the relationships that make up your 8 to 15. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you discernment on how to best engage and nurture these relationships. Ask for opportunities to share about the love of Jesus and to humbly serve those around you. Ask for boldness in sharing the good news. Ask for the fear of evangelism to be replaced by the joy of seeing lives changed. Ask that the city of Cincinnati would be changed by the love of Jesus one life at a time.

ENGAGE ONE ANOTHER + ENGAGE GOD = *Extraordinary Together*

FINAL REFLECTIONS – CALL TO ACTION

9. What truth(s) has God taught you through this week's sermon and our group discussion?
10. How can you act on this truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?