

Gospel Community Focus Month



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GC Focus Month Overview

Why:

We want to begin a once a year tradition reflecting on what it means to be part of a GC and what your GC will be like for the next year. It's important that we approach our Gospel Communities with healthy expectations and commitment. This three week study will help us reflect on and refresh the purpose, practices, and patterns of every Gospel Community.

How:

During the first two weeks each GC will watch a short 15-20 minute teaching on the Purpose, Practices, and Patterns of a healthy Gospel Community. This video will be made available in The Church App. After watching the teaching the GC leaders will lead through a set of discussion questions that will help you reflect and plan for how your GC will share life together in the gospel for the coming year.

On the third week each GC will review what they have discussed and committed to for the coming year, spend time in prayer and praise thanking God for what he is and will do in the GC, and then celebrating!

Week 1: Gospel Community Purpose

Gospel Communities invite those around us to embrace the good news of the gospel in all of life through gospel-centered community, discipleship, and prayer.

Referenced verses for discussion:

Romans 12:1-13

Ephesians 4:11-16

Philippians 1:1-11

Discussion Questions

1. How would you define community?
2. How is “gospel community” different from other kinds of community?
3. Why are you a part of a GC? What are you hoping God does in your life through a GC?
4. How has the gospel grown or challenged you in your understanding of community?
5. Why is living in community hard? What does it challenge in us? What can it cause us to fear?
6. How can the gospel create a safe community?
7. How does the gospel empower/change you to be able to live in community with others?
8. How have you seen God use GC in your life to make you more like Christ?
9. Where would you like to see your GC grow in discipleship, community, and prayer this year? (It may be helpful to clarify the difference between what the group can grow in and what individuals may be called to grow in.)
10. How can you contribute to this?

Week 2: Gospel Community Practices, Patterns, and Roles

Referenced verses for discussion:

Hebrews 10:24-25

1 Peter 4:8-11

Discussion Questions

1. How have you seen God use the specific GC practices in your life?
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Shared life
 - c. Prayer
 - d. Serving one another
2. What areas can we grow in this year?

Patterns:

1. How is the meeting schedule working for everyone?
2. How is childcare working out?
3. How is the meal working out?
4. How is the prayer time/ gender-split time working?
5. Do we need to multiply this year?

Roles:

1. What role is needed most in our group?
2. Were there any roles mentioned that you would be interested in serving in?
3. Is there someone who should consider becoming an apprentice leader?

Week 3: Check In, Pray, and Celebrate

1. Check In

Take a few minutes to review with everyone the plan for meeting, meals, childcare, roles, etc. that you have decided on as a group over the last two weeks. The goal is to make sure everyone is on the same page with expectations and commitments.

2. Pray

Take some time to pray together for your GC. You might consider asking a person to pray for each of the purpose areas (Community, Discipleship, Care) and other areas your group desires to grow in this year. Then take some time to praise God in prayer for ways that He has used the GC to grow people in the gospel in the past year.

3. Celebrate

Take some time to celebrate together in whatever way is most natural for your group. Play a game, share a meal, have a night of fellowship. Enjoy what God has given you in your GC!