

Leaders:

1. Thank you for attending the SG Leader Informational Meeting. This sermon series is designed to call people into deeper community with God and each other, and will have 2 primary focuses: getting involved in small groups and a call for people to consider launching new small groups in the near future. If you have any feedback or questions, please contact me and I'd be happy to talk. Thanks! - Pastor Chris
2. Step 2 is on Thursday the 13th. Please mention this important and valuable event to your group for those who haven't gone. Sign up through the app – tap “connect” then “step 2”.

LEARN

Read 1 John 1:1-7 together. What stands out from the text and what encouraged/challenged you from Sunday's sermon?

Where does Biblical community start and why is this important for us to understand?

(True biblical community starts vertically, with our relationship with God. We have to understand the relationship of a deep, abiding, vibrant walk with God as necessary to any vibrant community with others)

What are some of the ways “fellowship” is misunderstood by people? What are 2-3 real, tangible examples of how biblical fellowship should operate within a small group?

(Examples: Seen as an event of food hanging out together. Seen as being around one another for a church event. Seen as the same as friendship, where we have common interests/hobbies. Fellowship is partnering together for growing deeply connected to God and one another in all aspects of life)

PRACTICE

How does the quality of your own relationship with God impact the quality of your relationship with your church community?

(Leaders, press here! Most of the time, our inconsistent, weak, or disinterested walk with God translates into inconsistent, closed off, shallow relationships with other Christians. Likewise, the more we grow in relationship with God privately the more we can grow with others in deep community)

As a group, discuss: Are there ways our small group can grow in deeper, biblical community together? What may need to change (start or stop happening) to accomplish this more?

(This can be a good time to mention incorporating singing together, or have intentional times of sharing a meal as a group, serving, outreach possibilities to neighbors.)

Large Group prayer idea: Spend 10 minutes praying for the depth and quality of your relationships within your small group, that God would be glorified as you grow in relationship with him together.

CHANGE

How is your relationship with God? Take a moment evaluate the depth (or lack thereof) in your relationship with God and share that with one another. Then, pray as a group of men/women for deeper walks with God and one another to his glory.