



Discussion Starter

After watching “Shallow Small Group” video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMyTMTmJU6E> , respond to the following.

1. What do you think of the shallow small group? Is this the type of group you’d like to join? Explain why or why not.
2. Can you relate to anything in the video? Elaborate.

Get In A Circle

1. Share something that resonated with you during this week’s sermon.
2. Share why you decided to join a small group at The Bridge (i.e., “get in a circle”) and, if applicable, why you decided to return to a group?
3. What role do you believe groups play in helping people grow in Christ?
4. What are you consistently doing to make disciples within your family, among your peers, in your community, and/or in partnership with the local church? Elaborate. If applicable, share what’s hindering you from consistently pouring into others.

Groups at The Bridge exist to encourage and equip people to love God, love others, and make a difference. Accordingly, group members are encouraged and equipped to make disciples. This is accomplished by providing opportunities for people to discuss and apply what we learn through sermons, personal study, curricula, and group gatherings. Groups are also environments where we can receive accountability, acceptance, and care as we endeavor to grow in Christ. This session we set out to hold each other accountable for loving God, loving others, and making a difference in a more impactful way.

Biblical Connection

1. Fill in the chart noting the instructions and/or wise counsel given in each Bible reference.

Bible Reference	Instructions and Counsel	-	○
Matthew 28:18-20			
Hebrews 3:12-13			
Hebrews 10:24-25			
2 Peter 3:17-18			

Fill in the chart describing what can happen when Christ followers “get in a circle.”

Bible Reference	When We Get In A Circle	-	○
Matthew 18:20			
Galatians 6:1-2			
Proverbs 27:17			

- Go back to each chart. In the “-” column, place a check next to all items that can effectively be accomplished while sitting in a row (e.g., a Sunday worship gathering). In the “○” column, place a check next to all items that can effectively be accomplished as a result of getting in a circle. Collectively, discuss your results with group members.
- What does this exercise reveal about the importance of getting in a circle? Discuss.
- Considering the Bible passages read, are there actions that you and fellow group members can take to enhance the group experience, and to foster God-honoring life change?



5. Not only is it important that each of us gets in a circle, it's important that we play an active role in creating more circles. As the number of groups increases, The Bridge will be able to provide more opportunities for people to get in a circle. How might God use you to help others grow in Christ and to nurture healthy, impactful marriages if you and your spouse decide to lead a group at The Bridge?

Moving Forward

1. Identify one thing you can do this session to be a more fully engaged group member.
2. Identify one thing you can do this session to either begin or to continue intentionally encouraging and equipping others to love God, love others, and make a difference.
3. Share responses to items 1 and 2 of this section with fellow group members, and invite them to hold you accountable.

Assignment

- Discuss your responses to the Moving Forward questions with your spouse as you drive home or before going to bed tonight.
- Bring or wear your favorite team or organization's paraphernalia to group next week.
- Attend The Bridge's upcoming Sunday worship gathering. If you're unable to attend, listen to the sermon online before the next group gathering. Note anything that resonates with you in preparation for the Week 3 discussion.