

## HUDDLE 2/4/6/8 QUESTIONS & CONTEXT

### INTRODUCTION

At The Meeting House, our Home Churches are our primary places for disciple-making. This is where some important aspects of the communal Christian life described in the New Testament are best lived out. And indispensable to healthy disciple-making Home Churches are our Home Church "Huddles" (formerly known variously as prayer groups or "So What" groups). These smaller groups of 3-4 people allow us to build more intimate, more accountable, and more energized disciple-making relationships.

Although Jesus poured his heart into training and equipping his twelve disciples, he also prioritised a closer relationship with three of his disciples in particular: Peter, James, and John (**Matthew 17:1; Mark 9:2; Mark 13:3; Mark 14:33; Luke 8:51; Luke 9:28**). Other helpful Huddle Scriptures include **Proverbs 27:17; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Matthew 18:20; Galatians 6:2; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Thessalonians 5 14; Hebrews 3:13; James 5:16; etc.**

Huddles touch base in two ways: 1) In the weekly Home Church meetings, Huddles have some time to connect and discuss the application of that week's teaching to their lives as well as pray for one another. 2) Each week Huddles connect at least one other time outside of Home Church, in person or another way (phone, text, email, BBM, Facebook, etc.) to see how things are going and, if possible, dig deeper into what God is doing in each others' lives. It is our hope that over time, Huddles will want to do more life together and invest more time into study, discussion, accountability, and prayer, but we leave that up to each Huddle to pursue to the extent they choose.

On occasion there may be naturally formed Huddles that primarily meet outside of Home Church, but we still encourage every Huddle to attach themselves to a Home Church even if they cannot attend regularly. For instance, three or four friends may meet weekly for a meal and discussion outside of Home Church time, or they may serve together in a volunteer ministry and invest extra time before or after to connect relationally. Even if you can't regularly attend a Home Church, it is still valuable for you to talk to an elder of a local Home Church and let that Home Church adopt you and your Huddle. If you're in a Huddle that is not currently a part of a Home Church, let your lead pastor know so he/she can help you benefit from the larger group fellowship of a Home Church near you.

### SUGGESTED FORMAT

Huddles will vary in approach and style, but here are some suggestions to help you get the most out of your time together.

Always begin a Huddle by following up on prayer requests, confessions, or resolutions that were talked about last time you were together. Have you all done what you said you would do? If not, why not? How can you help each other accomplish what you resolve to do? Then move forward.

The following questions are here to serve you as a guideline. Sometimes Huddles will want to spend an hour or more together and will have the time to talk through all eight questions and pray together. Sometimes Huddles will be challenged for time and will only make use of two questions. And much of the time, Huddles will be somewhere in between. (Note: if you rarely have the time to work through all eight or even six questions, you may want to occasionally rotate in one of those neglected questions. Number eight is especially formative in helping us be disciples of Jesus and not contemporary Pharisees.)

Whenever sin is confessed, remind each other of the forgiveness of Jesus (**1 John 1:5-10**) and the peace God gives us through the Gospel (**Romans 5:1 and 8:1**).

## THE MEETING HOUSE SUGGESTED HUDDLE QUESTIONS

All the questions below should start with "Since the last time we talked..."

### IF YOU HAVE TIME FOR ONLY TWO QUESTIONS:

1. What has God been saying to you?
2. What are you going to do about it, and how can we help you?

### IF YOU HAVE TIME FOR FOUR QUESTIONS:

1. How have you encountered Christ and what has he been teaching you - through Scripture, Sunday's sermon, people, and other ways?
2. What has been the quality (and quantity) of your relationship with God through Scripture and prayer?
3. What has been your greatest area of temptation, struggle, or sin - and how can we help?
4. How have you served others and loved well (or missed opportunities to do so), including serving your church, investing time in your family, helping your friends, showing kindness to strangers, and loving your enemies?

### IF YOU HAVE TIME FOR SIX QUESTIONS, ADD THESE TWO:

5. Who have you had a spiritual conversation with - learning about their beliefs and sharing your own?
6. Have you been quick to apologize and/or forgive?

### IF YOU CAN MAKE THE TIME TO REALLY DIVE IN, ADD THESE TWO:

7. How have you followed (or failed to follow) the teaching of Jesus in your speech and in your finances?
8. Have you been creating the impression that you are better than you are? (In other words, are you sometimes a hypocrite?)