

“Doing Life on Purpose”

Selected Scriptures

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This is the last in a 3-part series called Church Talk. In these lessons Pastor Mark has reminded the church what the mission and purpose of Grace Community is all about.

This week's lesson encouraged us to review our 5 purposes with an emphasis on the need for doing life in rows and circles.

This week, if you're starting your group, make sure to give plenty of time to get to know one another. Be gracious with new group members. It can be a bit intimidating to join a small group.

Perhaps simply go around the room and talk about simple things:
How long have you lived in the area? What do you enjoy about Flagstaff? How long have you attended Grace? What's your favorite food?

If on this first week you want to dig in a bit, simply read the passages and go over as many discussion questions as you have time for. Remember on this first week to talk about the weekly schedule, when you want to get started, when you want to finish (to respect everyone's schedules/child care, etc) and any other pertinent info for your group.

“God has called us out as an assembly, a gathering, to do the work of the Great Commission by living the Great Commandment.”

The Great Commission is found in Matt 28:18-20.

- Read and locate the three big ideas we are called to do as a church.
- Give a brief explanation of each of the three.
- What is the Good News? Why is it called Good News?

- 1 John 4:9-10; John 3:16-17

The Great Commandment is found in Matt 22:36-40.

- What are the two big ideas Jesus gives?
- Why does He say, “all the law and prophets depend (or hang) on these two”?
- What does it mean to love God? How do we show our love for God?
- What limits are there on loving others?
- What are ways we easily show our love for those we already know and love?
- What are some challenges to loving others?

Be sure to end each session in prayer. Perhaps on this first session, the leader can pray for the group as you take these truths and ask for God's help and thank Him for His grace.