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July 27, 2025 (Dan Kopp – Lead Pastor)

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- 1. Icebreaker: Who was one of your best friends growing up... in elementary school? How about in junior high and/or in high school? What did you enjoy doing together? Have fun with these questions!
- 2. What's your "testimony" for this week? Here are some ways you could answer (pick one): How did you ENCOUNTER God at church? // How did you get EQUIPPED in your faith? // How did you ENGAGE the world with the love of God by the Holy Spirit? // How has God been good to you? // What is something you are thankful for? // What prayer did God recently answer?
- 3. Read Psalm 77:1-9. Did the rawness of Asaph's prayer shock you? Why or why not? Do you think it is okay to be that honest with God?
- 4. Read Acts 2:42-47. The earliest Christians lived out their personal relationship with Jesus together in community! If you have been in a small group — either at our church or previously at another church — what was some good "fruit" that came out of it?
- 5. Jesus had Peter, James, and John (and the rest of the Apostles). Paul had Timothy. What about you? Who are some of your closest Christian friends? Spend time sharing how you met and why they matter to you.
- 6. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. In today's sermon our lead pastor shared about the importance of not going through his battles alone. Who is someone who helped you navigate a "desert" experience on your spiritual journey?
- 7. If you could gather some friends and acquaintances at the church and decide to form a "small group" what would you LOVE to be part of and do together? Action Step: We'd love to launch a dozen new small groups this Fall (starting in mid-September). If you are interested in learning more, please email Kellie at kellie.kopp@themission.church and she will help you navigate your next steps.
- 8. Go to your favorite music app, search "Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone)" from "Grand Rapids First" (or your favorite worship artist) and play it. Let the lyrics wash over you and share how you encountered God as you played it.

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