

Can We Talk?

Rethinking Your Reactions

My Relationships Are Falling Apart, Romans 12:18

September 24, 2023

Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but **select 5 or 6 questions** you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and what you usually eat for breakfast most days.

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – *Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:*

2. Looking at your sermon notes, what scripture or ideas did you find most challenging or helpful from Drew's message?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes) – *ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app. You might consider looking up these passages online and sharing your screen to review them together.*

3. Read Romans 12:18.
 - What part of this verse stands out to you most?
4. Read Romans 12:17-21.
 - How does this whole passage change how we think about pursuing peace?
5. Read Hebrews 12:14.
 - What keeps us from making every effort to live at peace with everyone?
6. Read Proverbs 15:1 and 15:18.
 - What would help you respond this way when you feel hurt or angry?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes) – *this may be great to discuss in prayer time.*

7. What is one thing you can do this week to pursue peace in a conflict you are experiencing?

GROWTH GOALS: ([Print Growth Goal Forms or share the link online](#)) – *this may be great to discuss in prayer time.*

8. What is a next step in your faith you want to take this year?

- Read a chapter of the bible every day.
- Commit to attend Community Group every week.
- Pray out loud in group or set a time to pray each day.
- Begin or increase volunteer role at Northridge.
- Memorize (__ number of) verses from the bible.
- Attend the Exploring Faith group on Sundays at Northridge.
- Get baptized.
- Become a Northridge Church member.
- Invite "insert name" to church.
- Starting or increase the percentage of my income I give to church.
- Read a good Christian book.
- Connect with a friend weekly/daily to keep you accountable with good/bad habits.

Plan to catch up with your group the first week, enjoy a meal together, take some time to review plans for the Community Group trimester, and review the goals of Community Groups.

POSSIBLE ICEBREAKER

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COMMUNITY GROUP OVERVIEW

1. **Review ABC's: Purpose of Community Groups:** Apply the Bible, Build Relationships, Care for Each Other
2. **Review Group Commitments for A Healthy Group:** <http://bit.ly/CGAgreement> (See below). Read and ask if anyone has any questions.
3. **Discuss Volunteer Schedule for snacks, childcare, hosting, and facilitation.** Bring a preassigned volunteer schedule if possible: www.NorthridgeLeaders.com/volunteer-schedule-template
 - o Other potential volunteer roles include: Sending weekly emails, Organizing socials or serving projects, tracking prayer requests
4. **Discuss starting and ending time and trimester schedule.**
 - o Group trimester goes from September 17 – November 18 (9 Weeks)
 - o Let's honor each other by starting on time and agreeing about how to handle the ending time. Generally it is best to have a hard ending but let people know they can stay to hang out afterwards.
5. **Explain how a normal Community Group night will look for those who are new to groups.**
 - o Social time (10-20 minutes)
 - o Ice Breaker (10 minutes)
 - o Sermon Discussion (30-40 minutes)
 - o Group Prayer Time, Usually in gendered groups (30-45 minutes)
 - o Hangout/Head home
6. **Plan to collect and share contact information for group members**

DISCUSS COMMITMENTS FOR A HEALTHY GROUP

1. **I will make this 9-week group trimester a priority by attending weekly and participating openly in group discussion. I will call ahead if I am going to be absent or late.**
2. **I will strive to build authentic relationships with those in this group by showing care, providing encouragement and praying for their needs. I will keep anything that is shared strictly confidential and within the group.**
3. **I will regularly attend services at Northridge and contribute to the ministry of the church through my attendance and inviting of others with a desire to see this group multiply down the road.**
4. **I will explore honestly my next steps for spiritual growth.**