

**PLAN TO HAVE A MEAL TOGETHER WITH YOUR GROUP THE FIRST WEEK AND THEN TAKE SOME TIME TO REVIEW PLANS FOR THE COMMUNITY GROUP TRIMESTER AND REVIEW THE GOALS OF COMMUNITY GROUPS.**

**POSSIBLE ICEBREAKER (good to discuss over dinner)**

- What has been your highlight over the group break?

**COMMUNITY GROUP OVERVIEW**

- **Review ABC's: Purpose of Community Groups:** Apply the Bible, Build Relationships, Care for Each Other
- **Review Group Agreement:** <http://bit.ly/CGAgreement> (See below). Read and ask if anyone has any questions.
- **Discuss Volunteer Schedule for snacks, childcare, hosting, and facilitation.** Bring a preassigned volunteer schedule if possible: [www.northridgeleaders.com/volunteer-schedule-template](http://www.northridgeleaders.com/volunteer-schedule-template)
  - Other potential volunteer roles include: Sending weekly emails, Organizing socials or serving projects, tracking prayer requests
- **Discuss starting and ending time and trimester schedule.**
  - Group trimester goes 9 weeks from January 14<sup>th</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup>
  - 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.
- **Explain how a normal Community Group night will look for those who are new to groups.**
  - Social time (10-20 minutes)
  - Ice Breaker (10 minutes)
  - Sermon Discussion (30-40 minutes)
  - Group Prayer Time, Usually in gendered groups (30-45 minutes)
  - Hangout/Head home
- **Plan to collect and share contact information for group members**

**GROUP AGREEMENT**

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.

If your group has already met to discuss the beginning of the year plans or had a meal together, the sermon discussion questions are included on the next page. We would suggest skipping sermon discussion the first week if you are covering the beginning of trimester details.

## The Journey From More To Better

Come On In

January 14, 2018

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)

- Share your name and answer the following icebreaker:
  - What is one process you have a hard time waiting to finish?

### OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes)

- Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, or something that caught your attention, challenged or confused you? (Remind your group to bring sermon notes from the program or to take notes in the Northridge Church app to bring to group each week.)

### DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes)

- Read Philippians 1:3-6
  - What words or ideas from these verses stand out to you?
  - How does knowing that God will "complete His good work in you" help you?
  - In what ways have you seen God changing you recently or since following Jesus?

### APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes) (You may want to discuss these in prayer time)

- Drew shared 5 parts of Northridge process to help everyone to grow in their faith: Worship, Community, Grow, Serve, and Invite.
  - Which of these 5 steps do you most need to work on?

### GROWTH GOALS:

- What is a next step in your faith you want to take this year? Here are some ideas:
  - Read a chapter of the Bible every day.
  - Commit to attend Community Group every week.
  - Begin a volunteer role at Northridge.
  - Increase my volunteer level at Northridge.
  - Memorize (\_\_number of) verses from the Bible.
  - Attend the Starting Point group on Sunday's at Northridge.
  - Get baptized.
  - Become a Northridge Church member.
  - Invite "insert name" to church.
  - Starting giving financially to church.
  - 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.