

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:
 - How did you first get involved at Northridge Church?
 - What do you love most about being part of Northridge Church?

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

- **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?**
- What has your past church experience been like? (*We want to be careful here not to bash churches if your experience was negative.*)
- In what ways do you see church differently now than you have in the past?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes)

- Read Colossians 3:23,
 - **Where have you experienced the value of excellence impact you most?**
- Read Acts 20:35.
 - When is a time you have experienced the blessing of giving?
- Read 1 Corinthians 9:20-22.
 - What are some practical ways these verses should impact the way a church or individual Christian should conduct themselves?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

- Drew shared 4 ways we approach our mission and process at Northridge:
 1. **Excellence – We give and do our best, because it honors God and inspires people.**
 2. **Simplicity – We will do a few things well, rather than many things with mediocrity.**
 3. **Generosity – We value joyful and sacrificial giving because it reflects the heart of God.**
 4. **Relevance – We will engage with culture, within the parameters of Biblical Authority.**
 - If there is one approach you need to work on most, which one of these would it be and why?
- Drew shared that "More and Better is empty without people"
 - Who is one person you most need to pray for, invest in, and invite to take a step toward following Jesus?
- In prayer time have everyone share a growth goal for this trimester. See next page for ideas.

GROWTH GOALS:

- **Write down on a 3x5 card 1 next step you want to take to grow in your faith this Community Group trimester.**
- **Share your goal with the others in your prayer group.**
- **Make sure to follow up with each other regularly in the coming weeks to see how you are doing with your goal.**
- **Here are some Growth Goal ideas:**
 - Read a chapter of the Bible every day.
 - Read a good Christian book.
 - Replace (_____ bad habit) with (_____ good habit.)
 - Connect with a friend weekly/daily to keep you accountable with good/bad habits.
 - 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.