

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

1. **What was your favorite memory or moment from this past Summer?**

COMMUNITY GROUP OVERVIEW

2. **Review ABC's: Purpose of Community Groups:** Apply the Bible, Build Relationships, Care for Each Other
3. **Review Group Agreement:** <http://bit.ly/CGAgreement> (See below). Read and ask if anyone has any questions.
4. **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
5. **Discuss starting and ending time and trimester schedule.**
 - o Group trimester goes from September 19 – November 20 (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.
6. **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
7. **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.**



Demo Day

Against All Odds, Joshua 5-6

September 19, 2021

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 answer the following question:
 - What was your favorite memory or moment from this past Summer?

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

2. What scripture, stories, or ideas stood out to you from Sunday's message?
3. **Drew shared that there are 2 types of people: 1. People driven by logic. 2. People driven by their gut.**
 - What category do you tend to fall under?
 - How do these tendencies impact our trust in God?
4. Drew shared that many people do not trust God because they don't really know who God is.
 - What do you think of that statement?
 - What are some practical ways we can get to know God better?

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.*

5. **Read Joshua 5:13-15.**
 - What stands out to you from this passage?
 - What can we learn from Joshua's encounter that will help us trust God?
6. Read Joshua 6:1-20.
 - What are you challenged by in reading this story?
 - How would you have responded if you were in Joshua's sandals?
7. **Read Proverbs 3:5-6.**
 - How does this passage address our tendency to question God's plans?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

8. Drew said that we learn to trust God by recognizing who He is and His place in our lives.
 - What is one thing you need to do to increase your trust in God?
9. Drew shared that being part of a Community Group can help us better trust God.
 - How can we as a group help each other with this?

GROWTH GOALS: ([Print Growth Goal Forms or share the link online](#))

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