

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 is one of the best gifts you've ever received?**

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
 - 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.**
 - Group trimester goes from April 3 – May 28 (8 Weeks)
 - 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.**
 - 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
- 7. Plan to collect and share contact information for group members**

GROUP AGREEMENT

- 1. I will make this 8-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.**

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 is one of the best gifts you've ever received?**

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, illustrations, or ideas stood out to you from Sunday's message?**
3. What questions did this sermon raise for you?
4. In what ways did Sunday's message help you better understand what Jesus accomplished on the cross?

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 John 19:28-30.**
 - **As you reflect on Jesus' final words, "It is finished," and the sermon from Sunday, what stands out to you about the significance of those 3 words?**
6. Read Hebrews 10:1-4 and Hebrews 9:26-28.
 - What thoughts or questions do these passages raise for you?
 - How do these verses help us understand what Jesus' sacrifice means for us?
7. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21.**
 - **How can we be an "ambassador" or "minister of reconciliation", as Paul talks about in this passage? What does that look like?**
 - **Who is someone you are praying will be reconciled to God? How can you be an ambassador to them this week?**

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

8. Drew shared that Jesus "paid in full" the debts of humanity, past, present, and future.
 - **Where in your life are you thankful for God's forgiveness?**
9. Drew challenged us to live like we have been set free.
 - **How does the cross free us to live differently?**
 - How do you want to live differently in light of Jesus payment for your sin?

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

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