

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

**POSSIBLE ICEBREAKER**

1. **In this series we are looking back at lessons we learned from 2020. What is something that 2020 taught you?**

**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](http://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 January 17th – March 27th (10 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 10-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.**



## You Make Me Better

Silver Linings, Revelation 9:7

January 17, 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:
  - In this series we are looking back at lessons we learned from 2020. What is something that 2020 taught you?

**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 ideas from Melvin's message did you find particularly helpful for pursuing unity in our current moment?
3. Melvin pointed out that our differences can make us stronger.
  - In what ways do people who are different than us make us better?
  - In what ways have you been strengthened by someone who sees the world differently than you?

**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.

4. Read Revelation 7:9-10.
  - How might this vision of what heaven will be like, help us pursue unity today?
5. Read Romans 12:9-10.
  - Which statement from these verses do you think the church most needs to focus on in this moment and why?
  - What are some practical ways we can "honor one another above ourselves"?

### APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes)

6. Melvin challenged us not to rob ourselves of uncomfortable conversations.
  - Who is someone you feel divided against? And what can you do this week to begin a conversation with them?
7. How does your compass need to shift to move toward unity?

**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?