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**COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Community Group Guide – October 12/13, 2024**

# GATHER

**Deeply rooted by sharing life seeking the presence of God.**

This community based context can to heighten your awareness of God's presence in your time together, and give one another space to talk about what's really going on in life.

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- "Let's start with prayer."
  - What is one thing you're really grateful for right now? Take turns and share one by one.
  - Does anyone have a story of where you've seen God at work? Is there a life situation or answered prayer we can join you in celebrating? (This can be a way to revisit prayers or plans from a previous meeting.)
  - What is one thing you're really burdened with right now? If comfortable, take turns and share one by one.
  - What are you praying about right now? How can we join you thanking God or seeking God?
  - End with prayer, or move to the Grow and/or Go sections in the pages below.

# GROW

**Deeply rooted by being formed through the word of God.**

This biblically based content overlaps with the current weekend teaching at your Northview campus and positions you, as a group, to be shaped by studying Scripture.

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- **Pray.** Acknowledge God's presence + ask for his help to hear what he's saying through the text.
- **Share a takeaway from the Oct 12/13 sermon.** "Is there something the Holy Spirit highlighted for you?"
- **Facilitate a brief study of 1 Corinthians 2:16-16.**

**Start the conversation with an "Icebreaker."**

In this passage, Paul mentions that the gospel message is a mystery God hid from the world and made it known which can only be understood by the Spirit.

Share from your life to get a feel for this dynamic in the text - while also helping others get to know one another - by using this **Icebreaker question: Are you a person that enjoys mystery / suspense? (Give an example of a positive or negative experience that informs your answer! I.e. "I love detective stories and trying to theorize the outcome." Or "I hate suspense because I don't like being surprised or shocked.")**

## **Study Step 1: Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-16**

Familiarize yourself with this section of verses.

## **Study Step 2: Understand Their Story – (With answer key + leaders notes)**

Ask *observation questions* to understand what the author is communicating to the original audience.

- **Look at 2:6-9.**
  - How does Paul describe the nature of the "wisdom" he's been imparting to the Corinthians? (2:7-8)
- **Look at 2:10-13.**
  - How does Paul describe the "Spirit of God?"
- **Look at 2:14-16.**
  - What is the difference between the "natural" and the "spiritual" here?
- *Reflect on these observations: What importance does the Holy Spirit have for Christians in regards to the message of the gospel?*

### Study Step 3: Connect To God's Story

Ask questions to understand how this text fits in the larger gospel story.

**We've selected a few connections that are here to a) expand on the content of the passage and/or b) clarify the content of the passage.**

- Paul frequently speaks of the gospel as a "mystery" being revealed. Look up **Ephesians 3:2-6** and **Colossians 1:26-27** What do you learn about the gospel?
- In 2:6-16, Paul describes the Holy Spirit. Our idea of who the Spirit is and what he does is often underdeveloped. Refer to **John 14:26** and **John 16:13-24**.
  - Who is the Holy Spirit and what does he do according to these texts?
- *Reflect on these texts. Did you grow up with an understanding of the Holy Spirit? (If so, how? If not, where are you today?)*
- Take these observations and reflections with you to the next step.

### Step 4: Apply To Our Story

Ask questions to discern what God is telling us to do with the help of the Holy Spirit.

- 1 Corinthians 2:9 cites **Isaiah 64:4**. Look this up, compare the truths of each, and then discuss: what picture do we get of God in these texts? How would you describe God to a younger believer or "not-yet" Christian based on these verses?
- What perspective has today's discussion given us about those who don't understand the mystery of the gospel? What steps can we take in response to those who resist coming to Jesus based on what we've discovered about the mystery of the gospel and the work of the Spirit?
- Based on our discussion, is there an encouragement or a challenge you can hold onto this week?
- Paul stresses that we have been given God's Spirit to understand the things he gives us freely.
  - Spend some time in prayer. You could use this simple framework to move through:
    - Adoration: What things should we gratefully praise God for?
    - Confession: What things should we repent of and bring to God for forgiveness?
    - Supplication: What things should we ask God for?

# GO

## **Deeply rooted by participating in the mission of God.**

These culturally relevant applications are meant, with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, to prompt actions that bring the life of God's kingdom into us and out to others.

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- Pray for those far from God that you personally know, by name.
- Is there something that seems especially relevant for us to do personally based on our discussion?
- Is there something we as a group should plan to do together based on our discussion?
- Is there something we as a group should plan to do to spend time with someone who doesn't yet follow Jesus? Or to make/strengthen connections with our neighbours?

**IDEA: Northview Kids is running ["Trunk or Treat"](#) on October 31, and could use some help!**

- **Donate Candy! Bring peanut free, individually wrapped candies to Northview Kids on the weekend or to office reception during office hours (M-F | 8:30-4:30)!**
- **Decorate your Car! We are looking for people to sign up to decorate their car and hand out candy as kids go car-to-car trick or treating!**
- **Dress Up! Come in a costume and with a bag to go car-to-car trick or treating!**
- **Invite your Neighbours! This is an opportunity to bring our Northview Kids Families and Communities together to bless our Northview neighbours.**