



"First Four" – A Community Group Primer

Community Groups are a unique ecosystem for sharing life seeking the presence of God. This discussion guide is designed to help accelerate deep connections in your group.

The apostle Paul once said of his ministry, "Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God *but our lives as well.*" A good example to follow! (See 1 Thessalonians 2:8.)

- **Pray.** Acknowledge God's presence, and ask for his help to share and to listen.
- **Take turns sharing about your lives, one topic at a time.** Don't rush. This can take more than one meeting time. Try to create equal amounts of sharing time per person.

Topic 1: HERITAGE.

What was your family of origin like?

(Ethnicity, location, intro to faith, etc. Go as far back in your genealogy as you'd like!)

Topic 2: HEROES.

Who are people you look up to?

(Describe one or two individuals who had an influence or impact on your life and/or faith.)

Topic 3: HARDSHIPS.

What have been some of the painful or "low points" in your life and/or faith?

(Tell us how one of these experiences shaped your relationship with Jesus.)

Topic 4: HIGHLIGHTS.

What have been some of the joyful or "high points" in your life and/or faith?

(Tell us one experience you are especially grateful for that we may not know about.)

- **Pray for one another based on what you've discovered and shared.**

How can we thank God based on what we've discovered about one another?

What should we ask God for based on what we've heard today?