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COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Guide – Oct 11/12 2025

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.

- **Pray.** Acknowledge God's presence + ask for his help to hear what he's saying through the text.
- **Share a takeaway from the October 11/12 sermon.** "Is there something the Holy Spirit highlighted for you?"
- **Facilitate a brief study of 1 Cor 14:1-12**

Start the conversation with an "Icebreaker."

After speaking of the necessity and nature of love, Paul returns to spiritual gifts, giving further reasons as to why some gifts are more beneficial to the Body without denying the joy and usefulness of private gifts.

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:

We've been discussing "spiritual gifts" the past few weeks. Share a time in your life where God pointedly used someone else's gift to build you up. Why did you need that building up at that time? In response, reflect on how important it is to use our gifts for the sake of others' good.

Study Step 1: Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-12

Familiarize yourself with this section of verses. (Note characters, commands, key/repeated words!)

Study Step 2: Understand Their Story

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

- **Take a look at 14:1-5**
 - There are two biblical imperatives (commands) in the transitory statement in 14:1. What 2 things does Paul commend the Corinthians to do?
 - With love and spiritual gifts linked in their minds, what reason does Paul give in v 3-5 for qualifying 'especially that you may prophesy'? Who does prophesying benefit compared to private utterances of what he calls 'in a tongue'?

- **Take a look at 14:6-12**

Clarifying what he means by benefiting the entire Body of the Church, Paul continues with illustrative examples on why building up the Church should be our goal in desiring spiritual gifts (keeping in mind the immediate context about “love” from the previous chapter - 1 Cor 13).

- In v 6 Paul notes himself coming to them as a specific illustration. What needs to accompany Paul’s speaking for it to be of ‘benefit’ to them?
 - In v 7-8 Paul extends the benefit language to include knowledge language. What makes an instrument useful to someone as knowledge? (What are the different types of “noise” used in his illustration?)
 - In v 10-12 Paul notes it isn’t mere knowledge of observation, but meaning behind distinct knowing. If there is no meaning in our speech—‘in a tongue’ (v 2), or even teaching taught in ‘different languages’ (v 10-11)—what does it become?
 - Due to his examples and illustrations, what does Paul commend as what should be their desired goal in 1 Corinthians 14:12?
- *Reflection question: Paul continues to emphasize the need to have a love / concern for the whole community, not just individual interests. It’s clear this was an issue in Corinth. Why is it difficult to build up the church vs. prioritize building our own lives/homes? (Where have you struggled with this or seen this?)*
- Take these observations into the next step below.

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.

- In 1 Corinthians 14:5, there is an echo to Moses’ desire in **Numbers 11:29**.
 - Get someone to read Numbers 11:16-30
 - Within the context, in verses 16-17 God commands Moses to collect together 70 elders whom He will give the Spirit to for what purpose?

- Moses has no desire to keep God, the Spirit, or unique giftings to himself. In light of the 70 who are given the Spirit in a unique way to build up the gathering of God's people, what does Moses desire for **all** of God's people in verse 29?

- Along with Moses, Paul's thought is informed by Jesus' example. Let us look at how Paul emphasizes the example of Jesus in **Philippians 2:1-11** when giving the Philippians reason for selfless humility.
 - Get someone to read Phil 2:1-11
 - Like 1 Cor 12-14, Paul here mentions unity together, and the motivation of love (verses 1-2). Due to this unity in Christ, how ought this lead the Philippians to treat one another in verse 3-4?

 - Paul equates this selfless love of counting others as more significant than yourselves to the mindset of Christ that they have in Christ (Phil 2:5) before entering into praise about who Jesus is in Phil 2:6-11.
 - Who is Jesus equal to?

 - Despite this, God the Son willingly humbled himself unto what point?

- In a section about Christian conduct in **1 Thessalonians 5:19-22**, Paul also talks about how to view the Spirit's work. Let us turn there to find further insight into how to deal with tongues and prophesy.
 - Have someone read 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22.
 - What should we *not do* in relation to the Spirit?

 - Paul notes not to despise prophecies, implying the Spirit gives them, but qualifies prophecies with what principles in v 21?

- *Reflect on how Paul's advice in 1 Thess 5 for how to relate to prophecies highlights the concern and usefulness of tongues, along with all spiritual gifts, from 1 Corinthians 14. What are the similarities and differences? (Note: Though you might have more questions about how tongues and prophesy work today, we will be delving into tongues and prophesy more in next week's sermon and Group Guide.)*

- *Reflection: As we think of the Author of Life's (Jesus Himself—Acts 3:15) great love and willingness to become a human creature even unto a shameful death, how might this willingness inspire and empower us to serve for the benefit of others over ourselves? Explore ways how we can individually live this way and what a change this would make at Northview, and how this might affect our culture/city/nation.*

Step 4: Apply To Our Story

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

- In light of seeing the benefit of others as not only a better way of love, what practices or ways of thinking would be helpful in shifting our hearts, minds, and hands towards striving 'to excel in building up the church' (1 Cor 14:12)?
- Since Paul emphasizes speech that is 'intelligible,' so that its 'meaning' is understood to bring 'some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching' for the benefit of others, what is one step you could take to grow in your speech when it comes to edifying the Body? (Examples might include: being generous in our encouragement, challenging one another to avoid sin and error, teaching sound doctrine, etc) Try and get to specifics, and actionable steps.
- Where are some ways you can use your personality and giftings to build up the Church this week, month, year?
Make it actionable and not just theoretical; name a particular time and place where you can do this (Example. Every morning I can encourage my spouse or children, by reminding them of Jesus' love for them. Example 2: Despite my natural selfishness to enjoy entertainment every evening, I am choosing to give up Tuesday nights to be a youth leader in Middle School, or be willing to help co-lead a community group next semester, etc).

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.

- 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?

- Pray for Northview's "All-In" Building Campaign. See Pastor Darcy's notes:

Worship Centre Project Update

- We are waiting for our full Building Permit which should come by the end of this month.
- Underground plumbing and footings will start this month.
- The retention pond in the back of our property is now filled in and an extra 50 spots of parking have been added.

Prayer Requests for the Project

- Pray for safety for all of the people working on site.
- Pray that things would go smoothly for all the trades (no surprises!).
- Pray for favor with the various suppliers and trades so that we would get a fair price on all that is required.
- Pray that God would already be working in the hearts of people who will fill the seats of our new worship centre.
- Pray for your 5x5x5 people!