

# *Community Groups at Redemption*

*Making Disciples  
Together in Christ*







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## Purpose of Community Groups

Upon completing his mission of fulfilling the law and bearing its curses on behalf of his people to establish a new covenant, Jesus tells his disciples, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you”* (Matthew 28:19–20).

A short time later these disciples received the Holy Spirit of God to help them overcome sin in their own lives, to be bold to proclaim the gospel of freedom from sin to the world, and to build a growing counter-cultural society called the church in which to invite others to join on this mission. The arrival of the Spirit began a new era of history and a new season of life for the individuals in Christ.

*“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved”* (Acts 2:42–47).

These two texts give us a good foundation for the vision of community groups at Redemption City Church. We want to be a church that is continually transformed by the gospel and living in that light. At Redemption City Church:

**“Community Groups exist to share our redemption by making disciples together in Christ.”**

Redemption in Christ, salvation from sins is not something we experience individually, but collectively. We are saved from our sins into a relationship with God *and* his people. The blessing promised to us because of Jesus’s righteousness a blessings to be shared with a group of saved people called the church.

The church is both an organism and an institution. It is a collection of people who together work as a family. It is a gathering of hearts growing together. But it also requires institutional forms that provide structure for the vine to grow on. Too easily church becomes known for these institutional forms: order of events on Sunday morning, programs through the week, building management. These are good and necessary, but they simply provide structure for the real life of the church.

Community Groups are the trellis for the vine of disciple-making at Redemption City Church. They meet throughout the week, not simply for an educational lesson on theology, but to knit our lives together, to grow deeper in a love for Christ, to connect with our communities, and to serve the needs of the pilgrims on a journey to the Celestial City.

Instead of filling our members' calendars with programmed events to attend throughout the week we've given the loose structure of Community Groups to make disciples. Community Groups allow members to flourish in their gifts in combination with gifts of others in order to make disciples as a team.

## 1. Inward/Outward – A False Dichotomy

The vision for Community Groups has a two-fold meaning. **“Making disciples together in Christ”** means that we (A) mold our lives *together* by the power of Christ's blood (discipleship), and (B) work *together* to reach out to others to make them into disciples of Jesus (evangelism).

These two parts are often referred to as being inward-focused and outward-focused. A core component of Community Groups at Redemption is that we make our lives as disciples a life together. We meet together for fellowship, prayer, and study of the word. We shape each other to be more holy, more faithful, more joyful in Christ. We take care of one another's needs. We lean on one another and shape our lives around one another.

Some fear that by doing this, a church becomes out of balance. We become too inward-focused and forget to be evangelistic. For this reason we emphasize the second meaning: that we work together to make disciples of all nations. In some way our *inward* fitting together needs to result in a going *outward* together.

But too often we think these are two things in opposition that need to be balanced. However, inward and outward are not in competition, they are not opposites in God's kingdom.

God himself is our example. We know that God is missional because he sent his Son to seek and save the lost. We are living proof of his missional character.

But this character flows out of an extreme inward focus. God was supremely happy in his own Trinitarian nature. He needed nothing outside himself. The Father, Son, and Spirit gaze upon one another in utter joy and contentment. Yet the Father loved his Son so much that he wanted others to enjoy him as well. So he created the world outside of himself to join him in enjoying himself.

The world rebelled against that idea, but because God wants others to enjoy the beauty of his own Son, he made a way to save them so they could have the maximum amount of joy as he has had for eternity.

It is a focus on the Son (**“in Christ”**) that ties both inward and outward together. As we shape our lives around Christ and his people, we take on the nature of God's character and want to share that with others.

The focus of our Community Groups is not to balance these efforts, but see them as working hand-in-hand: building each other up in Christ to work together in Christ to reach out. In doing so we both enjoy the fellowship of Christ and



his work to invite others into the fellowship. It is by this great love in Christ we have for one another that we call the world to something greater (John 13:35).

## **2. Inward – Making Disciples Together**

*Acts 2:42 – And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

Some churches use this verse as an outline for ministry: teaching, fellowship, eating together, praying. But the point of this story in Acts is not to give us directives, but describe what powerful work the Spirit had done when he came upon the church. They loved each other intensely with a focus on Christ.

This committed love for one another is a key indicator of a person's salvation. John wrote, *"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is perfected in us"* (1 John 4:12; Cf. 1 John 1:5–8; 2:9–11; 3:11–18; 4:7–21).

Sunday morning worship is a time to sit under the authority of King Jesus, seeing him exalted and responding in praise. That context makes much of this one-another love difficult to live out. Community Groups are the context at Redemption City Church in which we create the atmosphere to experience this love together.

But this love isn't simply a generic kindness to any Christian acquaintance. It is a committed love to specific people for their good and for their accountability in our lives. The New Testament gives us imagery to add meaning to what this love should look like.

### **a. Family**

In Mark 10:29–31 Jesus says, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.” The New Testament emphasizes that the church is to be like a family. This family will last a lot longer than our earthly families, so we ought to get to know one another as such now, as much as we can.

What defines a family? They share a home and an inheritance. Not only will we live together forever in heaven, but we are part of the same home now. Families eat together, provide a place of comfort and rest. They have to work out their problems to maintain a bond of peace. They work together to fix problems and grow to maturity.

Community Groups are a way that we come close to one another to build up this family dynamic. We often eat together. We vulnerably express our fears, shame, and needs for others to protect and provide for us. We encourage one another and take care of each other when

difficulty comes our way. And we work out conflict whenever it arises.

## **b. Body**

When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper he said, *"This is my body broken for you."* When we take and eat, we make him a part of us, becoming his body. Paul took this seriously when he writes to the Corinthians who are being divisive to encourage them toward unity. He uses this image of being the body of Christ with many members to encourage unified partnership.

A body has many systems, organs, and structures that operate together. The mouth brings fuel into the body. A heart pumps that fuel to the rest of the body. Lungs provide necessary components to burn that fuel. There are filters, communications systems, transportation mechanisms, warning components, and emotional processing centers.

The church ought to see ourselves in such a way, and Community Groups provide that opportunity. Together we represent Christ and do his work, but we need to see one another as valuable structures in that body. Some are made to fuel the body through the word. Others are good at helping that fuel connect with others. We need people who help us get to other places where we can grow and serve more. We need those who have eyes to see and ears to hear threats coming. We need hands to take care of one another.

Community Groups are our mechanism for providing every part of the body with a place to express their giftings in service to the rest of the body.

### **3. Outward – Together Making Disciples**

Matthew 28:19 – *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...*

As explained before, an inward focus is not opposed to an outward focus. A healthy body reproduces after its kind. A healthy family trains up its children to go make more families.

Likewise, healthy Christians, when they are loving, serving, and delighting together in Christ, will (naturally by God’s Spirit in them) work together toward making new disciples. We have been commanded to “*Go, ... make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*” (Matthew 28:18). We become disciples (members of the family, members of the body) born through baptism and we grow in maturity through teaching. And when we mature, we go and do it for others.

Just like a parent lays mature expectations before a child to grow into, we lay the expectation of missional maturity before our groups to be on mission in some way. The New Testament uses more imagery to speak of this new identity we have before the world.

### **a. Ambassadors**

Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:20 that we are ambassadors for Christ. An ambassador is a representative for a kingdom who lives in a foreign nation. Our church is an embassy in the foreign land of this lost world. God has placed us here to represent what life in his kingdom looks like (full of love for one another). But we also need to engage the foreign land in order to invite others to partake in the benefits of being in God's kingdom.

Community Groups provide us both the opportunity to represent life in the kingdom and to send each other out into the foreign land to invite others to see what Christ's kingdom is like. We meet in homes throughout the week situated next to other homes in communities where the gospel needs to flourish. We can invite neighbors to visit. We can serve those neighbors' needs. In many ways we can strive to live the love of Christ together before the eyes of our watching neighbors.

### **b. Priests**

The story of the Bible is not just about inviting people to come into God's presence, but establishing how a sinful, rebellious people are able to come into God's presence. The church is a temple of God (1 Cor. 3:16), but nobody can just walk into God's presence. A priest needs to offer a sacrifice.

Jesus is the high priest who made the perfect sacrifice of himself as the spotless lamb. And in him we are made into

a priesthood (1 Peter 2:9) who are now tasked with bringing people into the new temple (the church) and offering for them the completed sacrifice of Christ. But no longer do we tell people simply to come to a physical temple. Now the temple and priesthood can travel to the people.

Community Groups allow us to bring the priesthood more intimately to our neighbors. We apply the blood of Christ to every situation bringing cleansing and wholeness not just to each other, but inviting our neighbors to join us in peaceful fellowship with God.

#### **4. What Does It Look Like?**

Just as there is diversity in the body, each of our groups is going to look different with the common goal of **“Making Disciples Together in Christ.”** Each will accomplish these things in different ways.

Our groups meet weekly or bi-weekly to bring our lives together as much as we are able. These meetings provide a launching ground for further conversations in each other’s homes and around town.

When we gather, in order to build Christian unity, we find time to pray together, open the Word, ask each other hard questions and care for each other’s needs. Some groups will add in a meal time to provide a more relaxed atmosphere. Others will at times play games and organize fun events for the group to share. Focused Bible studies and deliberate

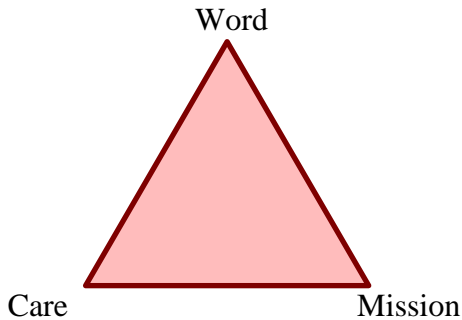
prayer times allow us to press in deep into each other's lives and show that the gospel applies everywhere.

As we heal and grow in Christ we then find ways to connect with our neighbors, our community, and the world in order that we can be on mission together to make disciples. To spur on maturity toward reproduction, we encourage groups to adopt a missionary that Redemption supports to communicate with, encourage, and provide care for. Some groups have organic connections with para-church ministries in town that allow them opportunities to serve those in need outside the group. Other groups find it more natural to simply invite friends, co-workers, and neighbors to come in and witness the work of God sanctifying and unifying the group in Christ.

Each group is different, but all have the same goal of **“Making Disciples Together in Christ”** both in building unity and holiness in each other as well as going and making others a part of God's work among us.

### **A. Word, Care, Mission**

Each Community Group will aim to hold three primary goals in focus that work together: ministry of the word, care for one another, and mission to the world.



Both the inward work of bonding ourselves together as disciples and the outward work of making others into new disciples must be informed and inspired by the word of God (an upward focus). God's word is the lifeblood that quickens the community soul. Every Community Group will incorporate a routine of Bible study into their schedule in order that the word would saturate all other activities as well.

These studies may be published works that guide interaction, sermon discussion and application conversations, or simply working verse by verse through a text. The choice of study will depend on the capabilities of the group and season of life the group finds itself in.

The inward focus of the group is to provide life and soul care for each member. The group nurtures the spiritual life of each person through prayer, accountability, encouragement, and friendship. Dedicating time to pray, time to ask probing questions, and relaxed time to play helps build this trust-based partnership in the word. Each

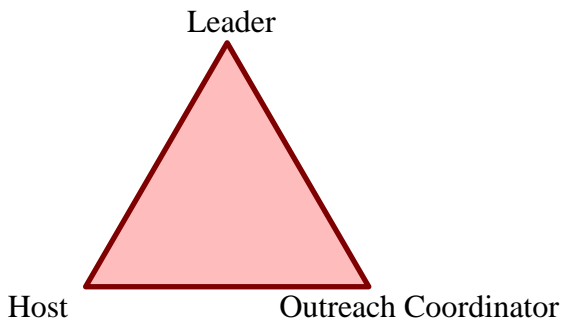


group will determine its own needs for caring for and incorporating children into the life of the community through special children's devos, prayer times, songs, and play (see Appendix 3 for ideas to include children).

Finally, each group will find a way to be connected with those outside of the church. They might invite neighbors to game nights or meal events. The group might work in partnership with a local ministry to people in need (See Appendix 2 for ideas). Many of these ministries need volunteers to mentor new/young believers and help connect them with local churches. The group will also have an eye on the nations around the world by adopting a missionary to pray for, provide care, update the church, and possibly organize a support trip or organize furlough visit activities.

### **C. Leadership**

These three goals will stay in balance by a matching group leadership. Each group should identify a Leader, Host, and Outreach Coordinator.



The Leader is responsible for the overall direction, unity, and function of the group pulling all the activities together and keeping the group moving. He is the main point of contact for the group and reports group needs, praises, and concerns to the elders quarterly (See Appendix 4 for sample report). The leader is responsible for the upward connection with God through the word, facilitating discussion and initiating prayer.

The Host is responsible for providing the regular space for the group to meet. He/she will make sure there is space for children to be safe both separate from and included in the group activities. The host may need to make available separate spaces for smaller prayer groups and will be responsible to coordinate meals for potlucks or group cookouts.

The Outreach Coordinator is responsible for keeping the group focused on mission by being a liaison for a local ministry, connecting with the missionary, and initiating outreach ideas. This person should not simply be the one to do all the outreach work, but simply be the prod that encourages the group to look outward.

## **B. Schedule**

With these aims in mind, a Community Group's schedule will vary by the composition and needs of the group. Some groups will want to try to accomplish these three goals on the same night of the week, alternating focus each week. Others may keep the focus of a regular weekly meeting on

Bible study while finding alternate days to do occasional outreach projects or meet up for accountability and prayer.

The Leader will take initiative to set up a routine that fits the group's makeup and balances the effort to **Make Disciples Together in Christ.**

(See Appendix 5 for Sample Schedules)

## Appendix 1 – Questions to Drive Deeper Connection

A good leader can ask carefully placed questions not just to get information but to provoke deeper, more thoughtful engagement. The following tips provide some guidance on going deeper with good questions.<sup>1</sup>

- Ask open ended questions that can't be answered with a “yes” or “no”, as these questions do not provide much information, and can leave room for us to make a lot of assumptions about the answer.
- Sometimes the best question is not a question. “Tell me more...” is a great way to invite a person to tell more about what's going on in a their heart.
- **What?** Ask people to define their terms. “What did you mean when you said...?”
- **How?** Ask people to clarify what they mean with concrete, real life examples. “How did that situation unfold? Give us some more detail.”
- **Where?** and **When?** Ask people to provide more information about the details and the order of events. “Where were you when this happened? When did this happen?”

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<sup>1</sup> Questions come from Paul Tripp, *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands* (170–178), and Paul Tripp and Timothy Lane, *How People Change*.

• **How Often?** Ask people to describe the frequency of their struggles. Ask them about themes and patterns. “How often do you do this?”

• **Why?** Ask people to explain why they responded as they did in a given situation. Ask the person to share their reasons, values, purposes, and desires. “Why were you feeling frustrated?”

1) What do you love? Is there something you love more than God or your neighbor?

2) What do you want? What do you desire? What do you crave, long for, wish? Whose desires do you obey?

3) What do you seek? What are your personal expectations and goals? What are your intentions? What are you working for?

4) Where do you bank your hopes? What hope are you working toward or building your life around?

5) What do you fear? Fear is the flip side of desire. For example, if I desire your acceptance, then I fear your rejection.

6) What do you feel like doing? This is a synonym for desire. Sometimes we feel like eating a gallon of ice cream, or staying in bed, or refusing to talk, etc.

7) What do you think you need? In most cases a person’s felt needs picture his or her idol cravings. Often what we

have called necessities are actually deceptive masters that rule our hearts. They control us because they seem plausible. They don't seem so bad on the surface and it isn't sin to want them. However, I must not be ruled by the "need" to feel good about myself, to feel loved and accepted, to feel some sense of accomplishment, to have financial security, to experience good health, to live a life that is organized, pain-free, and happy.

8) What are your plans, agendas, strategies, and intentions designed to accomplish? What are you really going after in the situations and relationships of life? What are you really working to get?

9) What makes you tick? What sun does your planet revolve around? Where do you find your garden of delight? What lights up your world? What food sustains your life? What really matters to you? What are you living for?

10) Where do you find refuge, safety, comfort, and escape? When you are fearful, discouraged, and upset, where do you run? Do you run to God for comfort and safety or to something else? (To food, to others, to work, to solitude?)

11) What do you trust? Do you functionally rest in the Lord? Do you find your sense of well-being in His presence and promises? Or do you rest in something or someone else?

12) Whose performance matters to you? This question digs out self-reliance or self-righteousness. It digs out living

through another. Do you get depressed when you are wrong or when you fail? Have you pinned your hopes on another person? Are you too dependent on the performance of your husband, wife, children or friends?

13) Whom must you please? Whose opinion counts? From whom do you desire approval or fear rejection? Whose value system do you measure yourself against? In whose eyes are you living?

14) Who are your role models? Who are the people you respect? Who do you want to be like? Who is your “idol”? (In our culture, this word is used for role model.)

15) What do you desperately hope will last in your life? What do you feel must always be there? What can't you live without?

16) How do you define success or failure in any particular situation? Are your standards God's standards? Do you define success as the ability to reach your goals? The respect and approval of others? Is it defined by a certain position or the ability to maintain a certain lifestyle? By affluence? By appearance? By acceptance? By location? By accomplishment?

17) What makes you feel rich, secure, and prosperous? The possession, experience, and enjoyment of what would make you happy? The Bible uses the metaphor of treasure here.

18) What would bring you the greatest pleasure? The greatest misery?

19) Whose political power would make everything better for you? Don't just think in a national sense. Think about the workplace and the church. Whose agenda would you like to see succeed and why?

20) Whose victory and success would make your life happy? How do you define victory and success?

21) What do you see as your rights? What do you feel entitled to? What do you feel is your right to expect, seek, require, or demand?

22) In what situations do you feel pressured or tense? When do you feel confident and relaxed? When you are pressured, where do you turn? What do you think about? What do you fear? What do you seek to escape from? What do you escape to?

23) What do you really want out of life? What payoff are you seeking from the things you do? What is the return you are working for?

24) What do you pray for? The fact that we pray does not necessarily mean we are where we should be spiritually. On the contrary, prayer can be a key revealer of the idols of our hearts. Prayer can reveal patterns of self-centeredness, self-righteousness, materialism, fear of man, etc.



25) What do you think about most often? In the morning, to what does your mind drift instinctively? When you are doing a menial task or driving alone in your car, what captures your mind? What is your mindset?

26) What do you talk about? What occupies your conversations with others? What subjects do you tend to discuss over and over with your friends? The Bible says it is out of the heart that our mouths speak.

27) How do you spend your time? What are your daily priorities? What things do you invest time in every day?

28) What are your fantasies? What are your dreams at night? What do you daydream about?

29) What is your belief system? What beliefs do you hold about life, God, yourself, others? What is your worldview? What is the personal “mythology” that structures the way you interpret things? What are your specific beliefs about your present situation? What do you value?

30) What are your idols or false gods? In what do you place your trust or set your hopes? What do you consistently turn to or regularly seek? Where do you take refuge? Who is the savior, judge, controller of your world? Whom do you serve? What voice controls you?

31) In what ways do you live for yourself?

32) In what ways do you live as a slave to the Devil?  
Where are you susceptible to his lies? Where do you give in to deceit?

33) When do you say, “If only...”? Our “if onlys” actually define our vision of paradise. They picture our biggest fears and greatest disappointments. They can reveal where we tend to envy others. They picture where we wish we could rewrite our life story. They picture where we are dissatisfied and what we crave.

34) What instinctively feels right to you? What are your opinions – those things that you feel are true?

## Appendix 2 – Outreach Ideas

### Rochester Ministries to Connect With:

- Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge
  - Recovery programs for addicts. Mentorship needed to provide positive examples of Christian living.
- Together for Good
  - Serving families in need before they fall into the county social services system.
  - Opportunities for child care, providing meals, friendship, and housework.
- Next Chapter
  - Helping former convicts return to healthy lifestyles.
  - In need of mentorship, meals, bible studies.
- New Life Family Services
  - Serving women, men, and children in crisis pregnancies, parenting, and adoption needs.
  - Need mentors, counselors, adoptive families, and donations for baby care items.
- Family Service Rochester
  - Helps people in need find stability, independence and quality of life.
  - Delivering meals, house and yard work, transportation for elderly and disabled, childcare for parents.
- POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach)

- Provides training and support for immigrants new to town.
- These immigrants are in need of friendship, meals, and English teaching and practice.
- Navigators College Ministry
  - Connecting new students in bible studies, activities, and service projects.
  - Students need mentors and help connecting with local churches.
- SALT (Somali Adult Literacy Training)
  - Helping Somali refugees adjust to life in Minnesota.
  - Build friendships and teach English to help them achieve citizenship, employment, and other typical American experiences.

### **Mission Support:**

- Redemption supports or prays for about a dozen missionaries around the world.
  - In need of prayer, encouragements, providing updates to the church, financial support, care packages, short-term visits, and home visit care.
- Sponsor a World Vision or Compassion child.
- Plan a short-term mission trip

### **Neighborhood Outreach Ideas:**

- Cookouts (in homes, at parks, at events)
- Game nights to invite neighbors to.

- Neighborhood clean-up (home/yard maintenance, street/ditch/boulevard cleaning)
- Simply invite friends to witness the vulnerability and love in your group.
- Volunteer to serve at a local school, soup kitchen, Boys-and-Girls club.
- Visit a nursing home/assisted living center to read, play games, listen to stories from people isolated from family and friends.
- Host Community Group at a park for the summer to interact with new people.

## **Appendix 3 – Ideas for Including Children**

The love and care we experience in our groups is part of our testimony to our watching neighbors. But our non-believing neighbors aren't the only ones watching. So are our children. Instead of separating the children to organized childcare, including them as much as possible models for them the love of Christ we want them to embrace. The following ideas are ways to possibly include children in the group's weekly routine.

- Bring children with on outreach events to see and serve people in need.
- Ask them what they would like to include in missionary care packages. Have them write letters or draw pictures to send to missionaries.
- Include a time of singing well known hymns and worship songs that the kids can participate in (or have them play instruments).
- Begin with a time of prayer asking the children for prayer requests, needs, and praises. Ask some of the children to pray for the expressed prayers.
- Have the children sit in the middle of the discussion circle to simply overhear the discussion while playing (probably noisily) with toys.
- Begin the adult study time with a kids devotional.
- Have a game night with games that kids can participate in.

## **Appendix 4 – Quarterly Leader Report**

Leaders of Community Groups will strive to provide updates to the elders on the health of the group members. Please consider the following questions:

1. Who has left or joined your group?
2. What have you been studying recently together?
3. What has been especially joyful in the group?
4. Are there any needs the elders can supply for the group?
5. Are there any issues the elders should be aware of to engage and pray for?
6. Tell us about a missions/outreach activity your group engaged in and how it went.

## Appendix 5 – Sample Schedules

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Corporate Worship			Community Group / Prayer			
Corporate Worship		Coffee Shop Meetup	Community Group / Prayer			Community Outreach
Corporate Worship			Community Group / Prayer		Ball Game	
Corporate Worship			Community Group / Prayer			

Community Group Gathering:

Wednesday Evening: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

- 6:30–7:00 – Dinner/Dessert
- 7:00–7:45 – Sermon/Topic Discussion
- 7:45–8:30 – Prayer Groups



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Corporate Worship / Community Group			Prayer / Accountability		Movie Night	
Corporate Worship / Community Group			Prayer / Accountability			Community Outreach
Corporate Worship / Community Group		Coffee Shop Meetup	Prayer / Accountability			
Corporate Worship / Community Group			Prayer / Accountability			

### Community Group Gathering:

Sunday Evening: 5:30 – 7:00 pm

- 5:30–6:15 – Dinner/Dessert
- 6:15–7:00 – Sermon Discussion / Bible Study

### Prayer/Accountability Groups:

Wednesday Evening

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Corporate Worship				Bible Study		
Corporate Worship		Coffee Shop Meetup		Prayer		
Corporate Worship				Bible Study		
Corporate Worship				Game Night / Outreach		

Community Group Gathering:

Wednesday Evening: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

- 6:30–7:00 – Singing, Kids Devo/Prayer
- 7:00–8:30 – Sermon Discussion, Bible Study / Prayer / Games, Outreach

## **Appendix 6 – Recommended Resources**

*Life Together* – Bonhoeffer

*Saturate* – Vanderstelt

*Total Church* – Chester and Timmis

*Side by Side* – Welch

*Launching Missional Communities* – Breen and Absalom

*The Craft of Christian Teaching* – Israel Galindo

*Mastering the Art of Instruction* – Israel Galindo

*The Gospel and Personal Evangelism* – Mark Dever

*Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands* – Paul David Tripp

*How People Change* – Paul David Tripp and Timothy Lane