

Icebreaker:

Q: Whether you are new to small groups or seasoned veteran, it worth reflecting on the question, “why do we ‘do’ small groups?” Obviously, for the purpose of discipleship, fellowship and growth... but go beyond that by discussing the following questions:

- What is the main purpose & objective to meeting together as a small group?
- How is our small group meeting connected to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)?
- In what ways will our small group seek to glorify God? And, what role do I play in making that happen?

Acts 2:42

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

Q: What does it mean to be devoted to something? What does devotion look like?

Q: We can easily devote ourselves to many things (sports teams, hobbies, our work, our family, personal pursuits). None of these are bad things, in and of themselves. What in particular is the Lord calling us to be devoted to this year and what might this look like for us?

Q: Would you say that your passion and zeal for Christ, His Kingdom, His Church and His Word have increased or decreased since the start of the pandemic? Why do you think this is?

Hebrews 10:23-25

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Q: According to these verses what four things are we commanded to do together as a small group? Why do you think these things are important?

Q: Besides what we have read in the previous verses, what are some things that we can do to help each other grow in our personal walk with Christ?

Ways We Can Care For Each Other

Take a few moments to read through these verses with your small group.

Love One Another (John 13:34-35; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 Peter 4:8)

Forgive One Another (Eph. 4:30-32; 1 Cor. 1:10; Col. 3:13)

Encourage One Another (1 Thes. 5:11; Eph. 4:29)

Be Devoted To One Another (Rom. 12:3-5; 12:9-18; Gal. 6:2)

Serve One Another (Gal.5:13; 1 Peter 4:10)

Submit To One Another (Phil. 2:1-4; Eph. 5:18-21; Matt. 7:3-5)

Breakout

Take a significant amount of time to pray through the things you discussed earlier, for your small group, for one another, for our church and for our leaders (small group leaders, staff & elders).