

Community Groups are used extensively as the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering and run on a quarter system. There is one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. During the summer weeks we don't meet in Community Groups but we still offer the Growth Guides as a tool to help you grow personally. The Growth Guides are designed to help you dig deeper into the weekly sermon on your own or with your family and are available each week along with the note sheets at church as well as online.

COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE BETTER WHEN MEMBERS COME PREPARED. THIS GUIDE HAS BEEN PROVIDED AS A TOOL FOR THAT.

Consider...

Use the summary and discussion below to review and apply this week's message:

Message Summary

Very few things have the capacity to destroy us like apathy, because the more we suffer from it, the less we care that we suffer from it, and so on and so on. Apathy is deadly, and as the Big Idea states this week, **apathy is the enemy of destiny** because it robs us of the drive necessary to achieve our destiny. Jesus understood this, and so he warned against apathy and encouraged his disciples to be prepared and to be faithful. There are 2 guardrails that can help us with those, and that can keep us from a life wrecked by apathy.

1. **Guardrail one: PEOPLE.** One of the least liked yet most important things in our lives are our alarm clocks, and often those come in the form of people. Growing up, it was mom, and now, I get to be the alarm clock for my kids. My job is to wake them up, and then go back to make sure they're still awake! One of the most important benefits of community is the prompting that comes from people to stay alert and to keep going!
2. **Guardrail two: PURPOSE.** If people are an external guardrail to apathy, then purpose is the internal guardrail. It's the nagging feeling that you and I were made for more than settling for the status quo, and while any purpose is enough to get someone out of bed in the morning, it's the ETERNAL purpose that guards the follower of Jesus against apathy.

Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- Are you usually ready on time, or are you usually running around frantically trying to beat the clock?
- Have you ever missed out on something because you fell asleep? How did it make you feel?
- When we read the word "waiting" in Luke 12:36, we usually think of sitting around passively, but the meaning here is more of an active waiting, full of anticipation. When was the last time you were waiting for someone and you kept looking out the windows for their car? Who was it? Why were you so excited?
- Who are some people who are guardrails in your life? How do they point you back to the purpose God has for your life? Who are you pointing to purpose?
- How is watching different from worry? How is apathy different from resting?
- Read Joshua 14:10-12. What had Caleb waited 45 years for (hint, it's back in verse 9)? What purpose is so strong in your life that you would walk faithfully for 45 years to see if come to pass?