The Gathering Community Group Guide Moving Day // Part 3 // Are we there yet?



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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

Most moves in life eventually come to an end, right? Rooms get painted, boxes get unpacked and life begins to return to normal. Translation? We move, and then we settle. But if moving is God's plan to keep us from settling, then we're always going to be on the move, because we can't afford to settle HERE if our ultimate home is THERE (see Hebrews 13:14). And that means that we often ask God the same 4 words that kids ask parents every time they go on a trip..."are we there yet?" In the final week of "Moving Day," Paul reveals 3 reasons kids (and believers) ask that question:

- 1. We're excited about the destination: Ultimately, our destination is heaven in the presence of God, but it's also PEOPLE who will be in the presence of God with us, and the picture of that is in Rev. 5:9-10. There we find a beautiful mosaic of people from every nation, tribe and tongue in ONE PLACE with ONE VOICE worshiping ONE KING. That's a destination that should excite us!
- 2. **We're tired of the journey:** Like all kids on a road trip, the excitement about the destination eventually wears off and gets replaced by the weariness of being in a car with the same people for a long time! Remember YOUR dad yelling, "Don't make me pull the car over!" It's natural to get tired OF the journey, but the Holy Spirit can give us supernatural power ON the journey!
- 3. **We've forgotten about the arrival:** It can become so easy to lose hope on a long road trip! We start to think we'll never get there, and we forget about the arrival. The excited "are we there yet?" becomes an excruciating "are we there yet?" Many people asked God "how long?" throughout the Bible, and a big part of not forgetting about the arrival is remembering how far we've come.

Discuss

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

- What takeaway if any did you have from the message this week?
- Discuss the differences between appreciating things in this life and becoming attached to things in this life. What light does 1 John 2:15-17 shed on the discussion?
- Read Revelation 5:9-10. Share what that would look like here on earth, and specifically, here at The Gathering. What emotions do you feel as you talk?
- What does Ephesians 4:3 say is necessary for us to have unity (and by unity, I mean "not kill each other in the car on the way to heaven!")? In light of John 13:34-35, why do you think the way we travel together is such a big deal?
- There are 59 "One Another" verses in the New Testament (I've attached them to this guide). How can these "travel tips" help us along the way?
- Paul said in the message that part of not forgetting about the arrival is remembering how far we've come. In 1 Samuel 7:14, it was a rock with the word "Ebenezer" written on it. For David, it was remembering how good God had been to him (Psalm 13:6). What about you? What are some of your Ebenezer moments? How has God been good and faithful to this point in your journey?

The 59 "One Anothers" of the New Testament

- 1. "...Be at peace with each other." (Mark 9:50)
- 2. "...Wash one another's feet." (John 13:14)
- 3. "...Love one another..." (John 13:34)
- 4. "...Love one another..." (John 13:34)
- 5. "...Love one another..." (John 13:35)
- 6. "...Love one another..." (John 15:12)
- 7. "...Love one another" (John 15:17)
- 8. "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love..." (Romans 12:10)
- 9. "...Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10)
- 10. "Live in harmony with one another..." (Romans 12:16)
- 11. "...Love one another..." (Romans 13:8)
- 12. "...Stop passing judgment on one another." (Romans 14:13)
- 13. "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you..." (Romans 15:7)
- 14. "...Instruct one another." (Romans 15:14)
- 15. "Greet one another with a holy kiss..." (Romans 16:16)
- 16. "...When you come together to eat, wait for each other." (I Cor. 11:33)
- 17. "...Have equal concern for each other." (I Corinthians 12:25)
- 18. "...Greet one another with a holy kiss." (I Corinthians 16:20)
- 19. "Greet one another with a holy kiss." (II Corinthians 13:12)
- 20. "...Serve one another in love." (Galatians 5:13)
- 21. "If you keep on biting and devouring each other...you will be destroyed by each other." (Galatians 5:15)
- 22. "Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other." (Galatians 5:26)
- 23. "Carry each other's burdens..." (Galatians 6:2)
- 24. "...Be patient, bearing with one another in love." (Ephesians 4:2)
- 25. "Be kind and compassionate to one another..." (Ephesians 4:32)
- 26. "...Forgiving each other..." (Ephesians 4:32)
- 27. "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs." (Ephesians 5:19)
- 28. "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." (Ephesians 5:21)
- 29. "...In humility consider others better than yourselves." (Philippians 2:3)

- 30. "Do not lie to each other..." (Colossians 3:9)
- 31. "Bear with each other..." (Colossians 3:13)
- 32. "...Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another." (Colossians 3:13)
- 33. "Teach...[one another]" (Colossians 3:16)
- 34. "...Admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)
- 35. "...Make your love increase and overflow for each other." (I Thessalonians 3:12)
- 36. "...Love each other." (I Thessalonians 4:9)
- 37. "...Encourage each other..."(I Thessalonians 4:18)
- 38. "...Encourage each other..." I Thessalonians 5:11)
- 39. "...Build each other up..." (I Thessalonians 5:11)
- 40. "Encourage one another daily..." Hebrews 3:13)
- 41. "...Spur one another on toward love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:24)
- 42. "...Encourage one another." (Hebrews 10:25)
- 43. "...Do not slander one another." (James 4:11)
- 44. "Don't grumble against each other..." (James 5:9)
- 45. "Confess your sins to each other..." (James 5:16)
- 46. "...Pray for each other." (James 5:16)
- 47. "...Love one another deeply, from the heart." (I Peter 3:8)
- 48. "...Live in harmony with one another..." (I Peter 3:8)
- 49. "...Love each other deeply..." (I Peter 4:8)
- 50. "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." (I Peter 4:9)
- 51. "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others..." (I Peter 4:10)
- 52. "...Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another..."(I Peter 5:5)
- 53. "Greet one another with a kiss of love." (I Peter 5:14)
- 54. "...Love one another." (I John 3:11)
- 55. "...Love one another." (I John 3:23)
- 56. "...Love one another." (I John 4:7)
- 57. "...Love one another." (I John 4:11)
- 58. "...Love one another." (I John 4:12)
- 59. "...Love one another." (II John 5)

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