



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.

USE THIS GUIDE TO PREPARE FOR THE DISCUSSIONS IN COMMUNITY GROUP.

Consider...

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

Message Summary

Sometimes we can catch ourselves turning the Bible into something that we only need to use for a few minutes a day in order to check "Have Quiet Time" off on our To Do list. But the Bible is SO MUCH MORE than just a duty or an obligation, and in Week 4 of our series Asking For a Friend, Jason Phibbs helped us understand what makes the Bible so important: it points us to Jesus, it is the primary way God speaks to us, and it is THE source of truth for our lives.

Discuss

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

- Read John 1:1-14 and talk about what we can learn about Jesus from these verses.
- According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17, what is the Bible good for? How do these things point us to Jesus?
- Read John 5:39-40. What COULDN'T the Scriptures give? This is all the more reason why the Bible must point us to Jesus.
- I'm not sure what percentage of God's will is revealed to us in the Bible, but I'd guess it's pretty high, like 90-95%. What could consistent time with the Holy Spirit in God's Word do for your ability to receive direction from God? JD Greear says it like this, "Stop looking for the voice of God, when you already have a verse from God."
- Read Psalm 119:105 and talk about the part the Bible plays in providing us direction in our lives.
- Read John 17:17; 2 Samuel 7:28; John 15:3; and Ephesians 5:26. What is the Bible (rhymes with "tooth!)? How important is the Bible when it comes to being "clean?"
- What is a book of the Bible that you've had a desire to read? Make a plan for when you'll start reading it. Better yet, find a reading partner in your group and read it together.