

Community Groups are the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering. It is through the interaction that takes place in each of these groups that will enable people to begin moving from being drawn to God to a life that is being deepened by God. Use it as a resource to lead your group in discovering, owning, and applying the truths of God's Word. There may be aspects you do not want to use and there may be instances where you just want to focus on a particular point or truth. Some questions may bring out emotions and cause people to dwell on an aspect of their relationship with God. Use this as a flexible teaching tool not a rigid group task list.

Consider...

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

Message Summary

After 10 incredible weeks of focusing on 4 areas of our lives in which we challenged everyone to put God first, we wrapped the 10 Series up by making sure that we keep looking ahead and not behind.

1. **A look back:** Over 10 weeks, our church has focused on 10 keywords: intentional, contentment, attention, tension, consistency, tenacious, potential, straighten, extended and rewritten. Each of these keywords represents a key component to living a life that places God first, and many of us can highlight 2 or 3 of them that God really used in order to work his truth into our lives on a daily basis.
2. **A look ahead:** Of course, if we simply look back at the last 10 weeks as an event that's now over, we'll face the temptation that many people fall prey to: living in the past instead of living from the past. God has used the last 10 weeks to shape each of us and prepare each of us for greater things, and as the "greater than" symbol in math shows us, the greater things are always ahead of us. That truth should fill all Jesus followers with an almost uncontainable excitement about the glory of God in the future!

Discuss

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

- What was one helpful, eye-opening, or troubling insight or principle from this week's message?
- Looking back over the entire 10 Series, what are some of the key words or thoughts that really impacted you? Explain your choices.
- How do you normally see the past? Are you living in it or loving it and looking forward from it?
- In 2 Corinthians 3:18, Paul talks about God taking us "from glory to glory." Do you think this is the normal Christian experience? Why or why not?
- As a group, take the time to reflect on God's past faithfulness. How does this give you more faith to believe him in the present and future?
- What are the greater things that God is pointing you towards? How has the past 10 weeks helped you see those dreams and goals with more of his glory in mind instead of yours?
- As a group, close out the night sharing your hopes and concerns about the works that you feel God is leading you to do for his kingdom and his glory. Be sure to take the time to pray for each other and send each other out with hope and power!

More tools and daily encouragement throughout the 10 series are at www.thegatheringnow.com/ten.