

Sunday, May 9, 2021 - "We Are - Week 5: We Are Small Groups" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Acts 2:42-47, Acts 5:42, Hebrews 10:24-25

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- We are a church that is committed to Small Groups (this is our discipleship strategy)
- What does that mean?
 - It is a vital part of discipleship
 - Our mosaic is lived out and represented in small groups
 - We can develop deeper relationships ("A pod of growth" - Meg Kempton)
- Our hope is that our whole church captures the beauty and the vision of community lived out in small groups
- Groups are **BIBLICAL**
 - Acts 2:42-47, Acts 5:42 (the early church gave us a template)
 - They met together, shared all things, had all things in common
 - They were able to care for each other's needs (allowing the church to be the church)
 - A place to live out the "one another" commands
- Groups are **RELATIONAL** (allowing is to know one another on a deeper level)
- Groups are **INSPIRATIONAL**
 - Hebrews 10:24-25 (Spur on, fan into flame)
 - As things get harder and harder → Our need to to gather together grows
 - The faith of others is a catalyst for our own
- Groups are **ACCESSIBLE**
 - There is a C-group finder on gracewired.com
 - C-groups (community groups), D-groups (gender specific deeper dive), Seasonal C-groups (specific theme and for a shorter season), Men's and Women's Bible studies
 - All different days and times
- There on "On-Ramps" (not small groups, meet people, meet small group leaders...see gracewired.com for more info)
 - Party with the Pastor
 - Friday Date Night for Grace married people
 - Young adult social

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How has God used small groups in the past to grow your relationship with Him?
2. In your experience, what has made it challenging to join and/or engage in a small group?
3. How have your relationships grown through being involved with a smaller group of people?
4. How have you experienced the church being the church (caring for one another) through small groups?
5. Have you ever considered leading a small group? Why or why not?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Exodus 26 Tues: Exodus 27 Wed: Exodus 28 Thurs: Exodus 29 Fri: Exodus 30

Songs from the weekend: [Your Great Name - *Todd Dulaney*] - [Promises - *Maverick City*] - [Great Is Thy Faithfulness] - [Goodness of God - *Bethel Music*]