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BETTER
TOGETHER

WHY SMALL GROUPS?

If you want to go fast, go _____. If you want to go far, go _____.

- 2,000 years ago churches were typically quite _____.
- Church, the greek word ecclesia, literally means _____.
- Church is not the _____, it's the _____.
- We've broken up the elements of church into _____ parts.
- _____-church though is not what God has called us to.

Notes:

WHAT DID HE SAY?!?

The speaker was to be given time to finish their message without

_____.

- A _____ conversation is not enough to truly understand God.
- The small group _____ this.
- The weekend sermon is not _____.
- If people don't have a _____ place to speak their mind and be heard, they'll leave.
- _____ has nothing to fear from exposure.

Notes:

STRENGTH IN DIVERSITY

Paul, our most prolific church-planter and evangelist, did _____ fit in Jewish or Christian culture.

- The diversity he experienced and embraced made him quite probably the _____ evangelist who ever lived.
- In Jesus Christ, we just have one status... _____.
- In your group, you'll find yourself with people _____ from you.
- Whatever our pursuit may be, at CCV it's all about _____.
- _____ you are, where ever you come from, we are a church and a community that you can call home.

Notes:

THE PERFECT FIT

At CCV we have _____ main ways people connect to community.

- Doubting is just a type of _____.
- If you're new or returning, _____ or doubting, we have a set of groups that will change your life.
- Maybe though, you've been walking with God for a _____ time.
- If that's you, we have what you need to take that _____ next step.
- Growth happens best in _____.

Notes:

**WE
CAN
DO
THIS!**





Be sure to check your email for video links and mid-week homework.

VIDEO REFLECTION

1. After watching the first video, if there was ONE thing participating in community at CCV could provide, what would you want that one thing to be and why?
2. After watching the second video, how has your understanding of Christian worship broadened?
3. After watching the third video, which team value(s) resonate with you most and why?

MID-WEEK QUESTIONS

Set aside some time this week to think about last week's Next Steps session. From what you learned, as well as your own personal history and/or experiences, do your best to answer the following questions. Remember, there are no wrong answers. These are simply your own thoughts and ideas, so feel free to write whatever comes to your mind.

1. Jesus' final instructions to his disciples in the book of Matthew are often referred to as the Great Commission. **Matthew 28:19-20** *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.* What might be one way small groups are an intentional part of God's plan to accomplish this?

2. Jesus calls the church his earthly body. **1 Corinthians 12:12** *The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ...* **12:26-27** *If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.* What might be something Jesus means by making this analogy?

3. Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, is the creator of all existence. Yet humans were the only thing he made in God's own image. It's not completely known what that means, however we do know that images in general reflect the likeness of their originator. What might be one thing that being made in God's image implies about our purpose in life?

4. In this week's email, you received a link to a spiritual gifts test. Please take that test and write your top three results down here:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Notes:

The table with the greatest percentage of people who watched the videos and answered these mid-week questions will receive a prize next week!