

### Getting To Know You

1. What are you wanting to experience or hoping to get out of your Bible Group this year? Explain.
2. What is something about you that most people don't know?
3. What biblical character do you most relate to? Explain
4. Cross Church says, "There are some things that God can't teach you apart from relationships with other people" Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
5. D.L. Moddy said, "Cling to the whole Bible, not a part of it. A man is not going to do much with a broken sword". Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
6. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### Digging Deeper

1. How were we created? What does Genesis 1:26-27 say? We were created in the image and likeness of God, what does that entail? How is God in fellowship, relationship, and community within Himself? Explain. In what ways have we been created and designed for community and relationships? Explain. Can you experience all that God has for you apart from relationship with God and others? Explain. If we were created for connection and relationships, what are some reasons that people avoid them?

In what ways does the Bible make no sense if community and relationship with others is removed? Explain. Why is isolation/individualism the antithesis of biblical community and what does scripture say about it? What are the text/s that come to mind for you in regards to this?

2. What happens in Acts 2? Why were the people gathered together? What was the purpose of this? While they are gathered what happens? When the Holy Spirit comes upon the church does their need for corporate worship and gathering change? How did it continue and grow as a result? Where did the concept of corporate gathering come from? Has there ever been a time when corporate gathering wasn't necessary?
3. Our mantra at Cross Church is WE CARE!!!! What are some ways that this is displayed with our ministries and things we do in and for our community? What are some ways that you can demonstrate this in your context? What are some ways that you can join Cross Church in this initiative?

What is Cross Church's mission statement? What is your role in it? Explain. What does Matthew 28:19-20 say? Is the Great Commission optional? Explain. Do we ever operate like it is? How has this been central to the church's mission for 2,000 years? Can a church or believer be fulfilling God's calling if that aren't doing this? Explain.

4. What happens to the church in Acts 11? What caused them to scatter? After they had scattered what did they do? How long did it take for them to engage and regather in the new locations? In

its 2,000-year history has the church ever not gathered? Why is the gathered church essential? What is missing when the church doesn't gather?

What happens for the first time in Acts 13? As a result, what happens to the 1<sup>st</sup> century world? Should the church ever stop sending and multiplying? What are the best ways to achieve this?

What is Cross Church's vision statement? Why is multiplication foundational to it? How are you apart of it? What does it mean to be biblical? What does it mean to be relevant? What does it mean to be missional? Why are our core values so important? Which one do you most resonate with?

#### Growing Closer

1. Who is someone you shared the gospel with this week?
2. What have you been reading in your quiet times?
3. What has God been teaching you?