



CORE OF COMMUNITY

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STUDY GUIDE
4-WEEK STUDY

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INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES

What can I expect from this Life Group?

At Compass Christian Church, a Life Group is simply a small group of people regularly doing life together while becoming more like Jesus. Compass Life Groups are designed to be small communities in which you can experience everyday life together, grow in your understanding of the Bible, explore your spiritual gifts and continuously pray for the important matters of your life. It's where authentic community happens, so that disciples achieve what Jesus called us all to do—make more disciples.

We truly believe the way to get the most out of the Scriptures is to discuss it within the context of a community like this. We also want to ensure our church is learning together and growing in the same direction. By aligning our Life Group discussion, we will see the truths of God's Word revealed in a profound and powerful way.

What can I expect from this study?

Through this study over four weeks, we are seeking to identify the core of the dynamic community of the Christian church at its beginning. By looking specifically into the four pillars of the church's devotion that we see outlined in Acts 2:42, we will establish the essential qualities of a healthy community at Compass Christian Church.

Our aim at Compass Christian Church is to build strong communities of faithful believers, so that people weary from life can find rejuvenation as well as spiritual transformation. We believe that Groups can be a place where we can step out of the exhaustion of daily life and refuel with spiritual strength.

We look forward to you joining us as we reestablish the Core of Community at Compass Christian Church. As a result, we believe that healthy, God-honoring Groups will multiply at our church and throughout our communities.

SESSION 1: ACTIONABLE TRUTH

Every session will begin with a couple of questions to provide an opportunity to help you get to know each other in the group. If this is your first time together as a group (or if you have new members), take some time to introduce yourselves and talk about what you're hoping to gain from this study.

What is one subject about which you enjoy learning more and more? Why is that subject so interesting to you?

What's the one question you wish people would ask you more often?

Play the "Session 1: Actionable Truth" video lesson.

Notes from the Message

Discussion Questions

Use the following prompts to discuss the message and to share any insights you have gained or work through any questions you may have.

1. What is the benefit of being curious? How can curiosity about God's Word help you understand it on a deeper level? *(Note: This is an excellent opportunity to practice asking follow-up questions!)*

2. What are some reasons why it might be difficult to act upon what God's Word asks us to do?

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

3. As you read over those verses, identify one way God's word motivates you to take action in your life. How does God's Word give you added motivation to transform your life?

4. What is one way God's Word has equipped you to accomplish something good in your life? If you haven't had that experience, what's one way you hope that God's Word can help you accomplish something good in your life?

5. How can the group pray for you this week as you seek to develop a greater level of curiosity about God's truth?

SESSION 2: COMMON OWNERSHIP

Every session will begin with a question as an opportunity to help you get to know each other in the group.

If you were given \$1000 to invest in the stock of any company, which one would you choose? Explain your choice.

If you had to pitch a new company idea on the television show "Shark Tank," what would your company make / provide?

Play the "Session 2: Common Ownership" video lesson.

Notes from the Message

Discussion Questions

Use the following prompts to discuss the message and to share any insights you have gained or work through any questions you may have.

1. Share an example of when someone personally invested in you and in your development. How did they make a lasting impact on your life?

2. How would our church community change if everyone developed a sense of ownership in its success? *(Note: This is another excellent opportunity to practice asking follow-up questions!)*

Read Ephesians 4:11-16.

3. As you read over those verses, identify one way believers are called to invest into their church community. How do we add to the lives of our Christian brothers and sisters?

4. What is one way you've been able to invest in your church community? What was the result? If you haven't had that experience, what do you believe would change in your life the moment you began to invest in others?

5. How can the group pray for you this week as you seek to develop a sense of ownership in our church community?

SESSION 3: TIME TOGETHER

Every session will begin with a question as an opportunity to help you get to know each other in the group.

What is an activity that could hold your attention for at least an hour? Explain why it's able to hold your attention so well.

If you were able to go back in time to view one event in history, which one would you choose?

Play the "Session 3: Time Together" video lesson.

Notes from the Message

Discussion Questions

Use the following prompts to discuss the message and to share any insights you have gained or work through any questions you may have.

1. Share an example from your life when someone decided to spend quality time with you. What do you remember most clearly from that memory?
2. Why is spending quality time together with other believers so important for our church today? *(Note: This is another excellent opportunity to practice asking follow-up questions!)*

Read Acts 2:42-47.

3. As you read over those verses, identify one way the Christians chose to spend time together. How can we replicate the kind of community we read about in the Bible in our church today?
4. Spend a few moments brainstorming some ideas together as a group for how you all might be able to create some Time Together as a community. What interests do the people in your group share? What are some commonalities for how everyone likes to spend their time?
5. How can the group pray for you this week as you seek to reach out and connect to the people around you in a deeper and more profound way?

SESSION 4: STEADY PRAYER

Every session will begin with a question as an opportunity to help you get to know each other in the group.

What is one habit you're glad you've adopted into your life? Why is it so helpful for you?

Who is one person in your life that you know you could call upon if you found yourself in trouble? What makes that person so trustworthy?

Play the “Session 4: Steady Prayer” video lesson.

Notes from the Message

Discussion Questions

Use the following prompts to discuss the message and to share any insights you have gained or work through any questions you may have.

1. Take around ten minutes as a group to reflect upon and pray this simple prayer from 1 Samuel 3:9, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." After the time expires, and if you are comfortable doing so, share what you heard the Lord say to you.

2. What can we gain from listening to the Lord in silence? Why is it important to practice this kind of prayer regularly? *(Note: This is another excellent opportunity to practice asking follow-up questions!)*

Read Matthew 6:9-13.

3. As you read over those verses, identify the one line from that prayer that jumps out most clearly to you. Explain why you noticed it more clearly than the others.

4. As a group, spend a few moments rewriting the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 into your own words. After everyone has finished, share what you wrote with each other. Is there anything new you noticed in the Lord's Prayer after listening to everyone's versions of it?

5. How can the group pray for you this week as you seek to develop a strong and steady prayer life?