

SMALL GROUP COMMUNITY | WEEK 4

Pray | This last week is going to be spent focusing on some specific areas in your own life and the lives of others that will most likely come up in Small Group. Community, biblically speaking, is about growing in Christ-likeness. Fellowship happens, serving happens, and usually some great food is served, but if we are not growing and changing in Christ—becoming more like him (Philippians 1:6, Colossians 1:28)—then the purpose of community is not being fulfilled. We're asking you to pray first this week, then ponder, and then act. Pray that God would lead you as you think through areas of your life that need to be addressed, areas where community with other growing believers will sharpen you and help you.

Think | Begin, in a prayerful attitude, to list out the areas of your life that will be helped and changed if true biblical community happens. Do you have a vision for how this change will occur? Do you anticipate changing for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31, Matthew 6:33)? Below, we've listed some areas of change that are common in small group community:

- Persistent sin issues
- Financial hardship or struggles
- Identity struggles
- Marital struggles
- Family issues with siblings or parents
- Desire a job change
- Struggle with being single
- Having to move
- Illness
- Joblessness
- Family member needs your help or is ill
- Reconciliation issue with another person
- Loneliness
- Struggling with direction in life
- Anger, Fear, or Anxiety
- Finding a ministry to serve in at church

Do | Your action point this week is to commit to follow through with finding and growing in biblical community at College Park.

Are you interested in joining a permanent Small Group? Many groups may be available after LIVE |15. Contact eweller@yourchurch.com or visit yourchurch.com/smallgroups to learn more. If you're already in a Small Group, seek to learn from the other members how you can better serve them and increase the biblical definition of community within your group.

Keep praying and keep your eyes on the Perfecter of the faith that He has authored in you.