

# **Developing Biblical Community**

## **Discipleship in Community | Week 6**

By God's grace I will seek to honor the following commitments in my Small Group:

### **#1 Love**

- I will demonstrate with attitude, words and actions a heart of love in my small group. When offenses happen, I will forgive and seek reconciliation. When tangible needs are raised that we can address and meet, we will sacrifice together to meet needs. Loving one another well will be the reputation of our small group by God's grace.

Read: John 13:34-35

- Why does loving one another make it clear to the world that we are disciples of Jesus? How do you personally want to see this group love one another well?

### **#2 Invest**

- Investing means I attend every week that I am in town and physically healthy. I will invest in relationships, participate in discussion, and be open with my time. I am also ready to invest beyond our small group meetings for relational connecting, serving one another or serving together, and helping our group grow any way I can.

Read: Hebrews 10:24-25

- Six months from now, if we are all increasingly committed to obeying these verses, what are some positive benefits you foresee happening in the group?

### **#3 Pray**

- I will pray for our group and pray with our group. I commit to depending on God to continually transform each of us into the image of Christ and will show that by my prayer life.

Read: Philippians 4:4-7

- How can we get “better” at praying together as a group? What may need to change in our routine as a group or with how we intentionally take time to pray?

### **#4 Making Disciples**

- I am actively involved in helping people in my group grow in their faith, i.e. I am making disciples. Even if I am young in my faith or have been an immature Christian for too long, I know God’s call on my life is to make disciples. I understand it takes more than 2 leaders for a group of disciples to grow and I am enthusiastic about participating in each person’s growth.

Read: Philemon 1:4-7

- What key words stand out in these verses about how to be part of a discipleship community?

### **#5 God’s Word**

- The Bible is the final and highest authority of my life and beliefs. Where God’s Word contradicts my current beliefs - about God, myself, my understanding of salvation and the gospel, how to live in the world, or about Truth in every regard - I want to change and conform to the Bible, even where it’s hard.

Read: 2 Timothy 3:14-16

- Looking at these verses, how will we know as a group that we are collectively submitted to God’s Word? What evidences should we see that God’s Word is our final and highest authority for our life and beliefs?

## #6 Grow

- By the power of the Holy Spirit who indwells me as a Christian, I commit to personal growth toward maturity in Christ. By God's design, I need the help of others to help me grow. That being said, I know it is never ultimately anyone else's job to grow my faith. So I will actively depend on God in prayer, worship, repentance, and spiritual disciplines to grow in my walk with Christ.

Read: Colossians 2:6-7

- How does someone "walk in Christ"? What are the long-term results of a person committing to the day in, day out walking in Christ that God calls every Christian to do?

**Breakout:** How can we as a group of men/women make sure that we are assisting one another in our growth in Christ yet still upholding the necessary value of each one of us being responsible to grow in the Lord?