

## **Bonus Discussion Questions:**

### **Fellowship**

- How has Jesus used “community” to help you grow and mature in your walk with Him?
- Have you ever experienced hurt in “community” in the past? If so, how does this cause you to struggle with “community” now?
- What are the advantages to walking through life with people who are different than you in personality, past experiences, interests, etc.?
- What is uncomfortable about walking with people who are different than you?
- How does Jesus want to use this discomfort to help you grow?
- What if any areas of your life are you living and thinking like an “I” instead of like a “we”? (major life decisions, sin struggles, doubts, aspirations, marriage, parenting, dating, etc.)
- How can you repent and bring community into these areas?

### **Prayer**

- Describe your daily conversations with God. What types of things do you regularly pray for?
- Why do we tend to put our priorities over God’s when we pray?

- What are some ways we can make our priorities the same as
- Gods?
- Share with your group some of the temptations you struggle with. How can your group help you fight these battles?
- Do you think it is right biblically to say that prayer should be viewed primarily as a way to build a relationship with God rather than a way to get answers? Why is this hard to remember when God does not answer your prayer?
- How do you think an unforgiving spirit might interfere with your prayers?
- How can you believe with all your heart that God will answer your prayer and yet not find your confidence in him shattered when he does not?

### **Care & Support**

- How can a group grow as it reaches out and cares and supports each other?
- What is the hardest thing about asking for help?
- Why do Christians find it so easy to “judge” others when it comes to helping people?
- How has “the church” become dependant on the government when it comes to helping those in need? What are the consequences of this?

### **Reaching Out**

- Jesus said to, “love your neighbor as yourself”. Why did the man in Luke 10:25-37 ask, who’s my neighbor?
- In your opinion, what group of people needs the greatest outreach in northern Michigan?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages to “overseas missions” vs “across the street missions”?
- Why do think Pastor Gary believes relational outreach is best?
- What does “find a need and fill it, see a hurt heal it” make it easier to share Jesus with people?

### **Bible Study**

- What are the advantages and disadvantages to studying the Bible as a group vs by yourself?

### **Questions to ask and answer when studying the Bible as a group:**

- What stuck out to you as you read it this time?
- What questions do you have about the reading?
- Where do you see Jesus Christ in these verses?
- How can you apply what you have learned to your own life?
- Who could you share this new information with?

