



**Growing Together** (Use these questions during your family/community time)

1. Who likes a Party! Maybe it's a BBQ, or celebrating someone's birthday coming up, game night, or a kickball game, or . . .? What is something you already have on your schedule that you are looking forward to?
2. Read John 13:34-35. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." This verse is often misquoted to say, "Everyone will know you are my disciples if you love" (or 'by our love'), and we sometimes forget that the verse says, "if you love **one another**." Why is that important? How do **others** see our love for one another?
3. Look back to the first question and think about the people God has put in your life that don't know Jesus. Wouldn't it be great if they would know you are followers of Jesus by the way your group loves one another? How can they see if they don't have a chance to interact with your group? In your group, talk about a way you can invite others to a non-threatening gathering where they can come and interact with you and your group. What is a natural situation/gathering (especially one that you're already doing) that you could intentionally invite your friends to join you? Your Group Leader has some dates to work with. Plan a 'party' with prayer and intentionality.
4. How are you doing sharing the Good News of the Gospel in your own way? Take turns sharing. (10 minutes) Your group leader will either have you break into small groups, or have 1-2 people share with the whole group.
5. 1 Peter 3:15, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." How is the Gospel good news for you in your life? Have someone share their story (testimony). Keep it to 3 minutes (have someone set a timer). It doesn't need to be your whole life story, just share a part of your journey. Share how you were once lost and Jesus rescued you, and how He is saving you now! Each week choose someone different to share their story. This will help you know each other better as well as help you be ready. Have the group encourage and give helpful feedback. (5 minutes)

## Thinking About and Applying the Message

6. How do we at times justify our bad and angry and seem to make ourselves feel ok about it?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. God's word has much to say about what we should do with our bad and angry. Read the following passages and talk about God's desired attitude and actions for us to take against our bad and angry.
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  - b. Colossians 3.8
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Galatians 5.19-24
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Talk about crucifixion (Galatians 5.24). Practically, what will this look like in regards to our bad and angry? Pray that Jesus will empower you to strangle your bad and angry.