

GROW TOGETHER

1. WE ARE DESIGNED FOR COMMUNITY
2. COMMUNITY PROTECTS US
3. COMMUNITY HELPS US KNOW GOD

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **ICE-BREAKER:** What was your favorite part of this past summer? If you could change one thing about your summer what would it be?
2. What part of this week's teaching stood out to you the most? Why?
3. One of the main purposes of small-groups is to give you a safe place where you can "take off your armor" and be authentic without the fear of judgment. What is something you would need in this group in order to feel comfortable sharing your thoughts or asking questions? What are some things that could get in the way of you feeling like this group is a safe place?
4. The first idea from this week's message was that "We are Designed for Community". What has been your experience with trying to find meaningful community throughout your life?
5. On Sunday, Pastor Ryan talked about the story of Nathan confronting King David to show that community protects us by helping us see things the way they are and by helping us get back up when we fall. How do we become the type of person who is able to have hard conversations and yet is still full of grace? What might this type of conversation actually sound like between friends?
6. At the end of this month (September 2019), we are launching our new monthly serve initiative called "Serve the Community Saturdays". Each month we will have opportunities to get out and serve the community around us. Would you be interested in serving together as a group at a "Serve Saturday"? What kind of serving opportunity would you be interested in? Why do you think it's important to serve the community around us?
7. Let's spend some extra time this week catching up and getting to know one another. "Growing Together" takes time. The more time we can invest in building meaningful relationships the better.