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AUTHENTIC BIBLICAL COMMUNITY

THE BUILDING BLOCKS  
OF COMMUNITY GROUPS

PEACE CHURCH  
COMMUNITY GROUP RESOURCES



# SESSIONS



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# 01

## VISION AND PURPOSE OF AUTHENTIC BIBLICAL COMMUNITY

### SPACE FOR NOTES

### DISCUSSION

#### **Read Acts 2:42-47**

1. How does Peace Church's vision fit with what was going on in the early church?
2. How does this apply to Community Groups?

### COMMUNITY GROUP COVENANT

#### **Take time to begin to write up a group covenant by answering these questions:**

1. We will keep our group gospel centered by...
2. We will keep our group family focused by...
3. Our group will be kingdom minded by...
4. Ask each person in your group to finish this statement, "This will be a great group if..."



# 02 AUTHENTIC

## SPACE FOR NOTES

## DISCUSSION

### Read 2 Corinthians 12:6-10

1. How was Paul being authentic?
2. Do you think it was still easy for Paul to deal with his thorn in the flesh after receiving a no answer from God? Why or why not?
3. Why is it hard to share our struggles with other believers?
4. Is it possible to share too much? How?

## COMMUNITY GROUP COVENANT

**Take some time as a group and create a covenant on how you will be authentic with each other as a group. We have included an example of 3 things but you may create your own as well:**

1. We agree to be held accountable to share our story with our group when we are ready.
2. We agree that because we are in a group we will not struggle alone.
3. We agree to be authentic caring listeners to one another.
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- 5.



# 03 BIBLICAL

## SPACE FOR NOTES

## DISCUSSION

### **Read II Timothy 3:1 - 13**

1. What is Paul telling Timothy to look out for?
2. What is Paul's instruction to Timothy in verses 10 - 13?
3. If this passage is for all Christians until the second coming of Christ, what should be our reaction when we see all these negative attributes in our world?

## COMMUNITY GROUP COVENANT

**Take some time as a group and create a covenant on how you will keep Scripture central in your group:**

1. We will keep each other accountable to strive to interpret Scripture as written and not rely on our opinions by...
2. If members of our group have differing interpretations of a Scripture we agree to maintain unity by...
3. We commit to the Bible as our authority and will keep it central to our group by...



# 04 COMMUNITY

## SPACE FOR NOTES

## DISCUSSION

1. Discuss your hobbies and interests, and also what your family's weekly schedule looks like. Any regular events that the Community group could attend together?
2. What are some tangible ways for your group to share in each other's sufferings?
3. How might your group best serve each other and your surrounding community. What opportunities do you know of? What would you be interested in doing together?

## COMMUNITY GROUP COVENANT

**Take some time as a group and finish up your Authentic Biblical Community Covenant. Here are three prompts to get you started:**

1. Our group commits to sharing in one another's lives by...
2. Our group chooses to share in one another's suffering by...
3. Our group will seek to serve each other and our local community by...



# COVENANT

## **COMPLETED COMMUNITY GROUP COVENANT**

Please have one member or leader write down your completed covenant and turn it into the Community Life Director (mailbox in front office, or email [rachel.bailey@peacechurch.cc](mailto:rachel.bailey@peacechurch.cc) with a scan).

## **SESSION 1**

## **SESSION 2**



# COVENANT

SESSION 3

SESSION 4

**GROUP MEMBER SIGNATURES:**



# ACTS 2:42-47

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.



# EXTRAS

## SHARING YOUR STORY IN COMMUNITY

### **Developing your Story:**

Have you considered how God has used significant experiences, people, or events to form and develop His people? A Life Map/Story/Testimony is a visual representation of your life from birth to the present. It highlights events God has used to mold and shape your character. The insights you gain through your story development process help you answer the questions, “Who am I, and where is the Lord leading me?” It can also help your shepherd and community group get to know and understand you better. Consider the life of Abraham. His journey took him through both the lows and highs of life. They also brought him in contact with all sorts of people and places. Most importantly, you can see how these experiences helped shape his relationship with God. All of Abraham’s experiences - decisions, people, places, events, etc. - helped form and develop him. These four steps will help you develop your story so you can share it with others:

### **Step 1: Reflection**

Prayerfully consider people, places and events that have marked your life. Make a list. Be sure to use the story worksheet to help you categorize your thoughts. The terms on the worksheet identify categories you should include.

### **Step 2: Analysis**

Now that you have reflected over your life up to today and have a list of your heroes, heritage, high points, hard times and “hand of God” moments, it’s time to analyze which of these you want to put in your life map. While it would be nice to share everything, focus on the most significant influences and experiences in your life. Spend some time praying through what you have listed. What you choose is totally up to you. You should not plan to spend any longer than 20-25 minutes sharing your story with either your shepherd or community group.

### **Step 3: Organization**

You are now ready to synthesize this information into a logical flow of thought. How do these people, places and events fit together?

### **Step 4: Presentation**

This is where you exercise your creative powers. How will you deliver your story? What medium fits your style of communication? You could draw your map like an ancient sea journey with battles, treasures and tropical islands. You could also use a narrative story, graph, photographs or music. Be as creative as you can be to depict your life story. If you are presenting this to your community group, remember to make it large enough for everyone to see and read easily.



# EXTRAS

## STORY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHEET

For each category, list 2-4 moments in your life, situations, people, or general thoughts

### HERITAGE

How have family relationships, ethnic or geographical influences shaped your life?

### HEROES

What relationships influenced your character/shaped your direction (positively and negatively)? How? Why?

### HIGH POINTS

What experiences have you especially enjoyed? Why?

### HARD TIMES:

What experiences were especially difficult or painful? Why?

### HAND OF GOD:

When/how have you seen God's hand at work in your life? List specific events that illustrate His work in your life?

**WHAT'S NEXT?**  
**Discuss options with your  
group and browse options at  
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