

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITIES

PRINCIPLES

ENCOURAGE



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ENCOURAGE (ONE ANOTHER IN THE LORD)

Thessalonians 5:11 commands, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

- Celebrate the Lord's Supper and Share a Meal (or coffee, tea, etc.-- whatever works for your group; our hope is that you share in community around a table).
- Sunday Worship (what did the Lord speak to you?)

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1 Corinthians 12:24-25 tells us, "God has blended together the body, giving greater honor to the lesser member, so that there may be no division in the body, but the members may have mutual concern for one another."

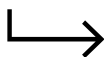
- Check in.
 - How are you doing emotionally, spiritually and physically, etc? (We'll provide some additional questions you could use to check in as a group around this each week.)
- Pray Together.

SEND (FOR ONE ANOTHER IN THE LORD)

"The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." **Genesis 12:1-3**

"Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." **Matthew 28:19-20**

"Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." **John 20:21**



B.L.E.S.S.

BLESS: If you do at least one of these practices every day, you will not only become more like Jesus but you will help others find Jesus too! In your time together as a community ask the questions, “Who did you BLESS this week? This time of sharing will keep the Great Commission at the forefront of who we are called to be as followers of Jesus. It will also provide the opportunity to celebrate and encourage one another on the journey.

(B)egin with prayer:

- Pray for the people in your life and the places that you're in.
 - People: Who do you live, work and play with that is far from God? Pray that God would create spiritual curiosity in them, and then spend time with them.
- Places:
 - Where does pain exist here? Pray for healing.
 - Who makes the decisions here? Pray for integrity.
 - Who throws parties here? Pray for community.
 - Where are the pennies spent here? Pray for provision.

(L)isten:

- Listen to and discover the needs of others and for the places where God is at work.
 - Before you can help others find Jesus, you need to listen to them first - their hopes, pains, challenges and dreams. In your interactions with others today, take the posture of a learner. Lay down assumptions and practice being present in conversations.

(E)at:

- Share meals, drink coffee and spend time with people in your life that don't yet know Jesus.
 - Who can you eat with (or have coffee with) that is far from God? A co-worker over lunch? A neighbor during the day? A friend or family member over the weekend?
 - Is there a place that you regularly visit (coffee shop, gym, etc.)? Ask God to grant you opportunities to eat with people.

(S)erve:

- Who can you serve this week? Who do you know that has a practical need? Ask them how you can help.
 - Before jumping into serving, have you taken the time to pray for, listen to and eat with these people? Doing these things first helps you discover the way that you really need to serve them.

(S)tory:

- Share the story of Jesus and what He is doing in your life with others.
 - Start by sharing how God has blessed you and made a difference in your life.
 - Share your story in such a way that demonstrates that Jesus is also at work in their life.
 - Don't feel like you have to tell your life story at once. Think “bite-size” stories.