



Discipleship in Community
Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:42-47
Week of Jan. 12, 2020
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Objective of this study: To understand more what really matters to God, and how to walk with him and each other.

[Remember, the main goal of each Growth Group is to allow God's Word to change your heart so that others would see Jesus in you and be likewise changed to be like him. He wants to change the world through us.]

Worship (5 – 10 minutes)

1. Sing a song or two of praise and thanksgiving to God.
2. Spend five minutes in silence asking God to prepare your heart for hearing his word. After the silence, have someone read **Psalm 46:1-11** meditatively to the group. Pause after each phrase letting God speak to you. **Did anything "jump out at you"?**

Welcome question

What does discipleship mean to you?

[It's really important when doing this study that we each think about ourselves specifically and ways we need to grow, not how Christians in general need to grow. Do the hard work of letting the Holy Spirit speak to *your* heart.]

Word/Work (60-90 minutes)

1. What stood out from the sermon?
2. Read Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 2:42-47.
3. From these verses, what did discipleship look like for Jesus' followers and for the church in Acts?
4. **Sermon quote:** "Discipleship is more than study. It is also relationships and community. It is not a solo act."
5. Read Romans 12:9-21; Ephesians 4:2,16, 25-32; Colossians 3:12-17. What do these passages say about discipleship being relational, and in community?
6. Looking back over your walk with Jesus, what are some ways you've grown because of being in community with other believers? What are some ways you've grown that you couldn't have, on your own?
7. Looking ahead, what are some things you'd like to learn, ways you'd like to grow, this year, by being in community with other believers?
8. Spend some time thanking God for each other, and how he has helped you grow by being together.

Prayer:

1. Spend the rest of the time praying for each other. **Thank God for how he loves us through other believers.** Here are some things you can pray about for the church:

- A. That, as a church, we would actively and purposefully engage in the mission of Jesus in Campbell River.
- B. Our church board and staff as they lead us to live out the mission of Jesus.
- C. River Kids ministry as they reach out to kids in our community.
- D. **Our missionary of the week: The Livingstones.** (Check out the church [website](#) for how to pray for them.)
- E. **Local church: Black Creek Mennonite.**

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