

WEEK 1



30 DAY STARTUP PARTICIPANT GUIDE

GROUP IS A LIFE-CHANGING COMMUNITY WHERE YOU CAN BELONG, BELIEVE, AND BECOME.

What is a Crosspoint City Group?

1. **Life-Changing Community:** Group is more than a Bible Study; it is a community. We believe that life change happens best in circles, not rows. It's in relationships that we experience the love of Christ as we live the "one anothers" of the faith. For this reason, any time we gather, we will spend time laughing and getting to know one another.

2. **Belong:** Provide a place where you can meet Jesus in a group where you are welcomed and accepted. Our Group is a place where people can come just as they are and meet Jesus just as He is. Regardless of where you are in life or your relationship with Jesus, our Group is a safe and transparent place where you will experience the love of Christ. It's a place where you can be real with God and real with others.

3. **Believe:** Provide a place where you can know Jesus through His Word and His people. With Acts 2 as our example, we commit to reading and discussing the Word of God and enjoying fellowship with one another. Our discussions will focus on how God's Word applies to our lives today because the measure of maturity is not information, but obedience. Each week, we will look at the passage from that week's sermon. As God's Word begins to work in our lives, we will see people meet Jesus and know Him in a deep and more personal way.

4. **Become:** Provide a place where you can follow Jesus as you become who God designed you to be. Following Jesus looks different for each person because it involves using the unique gift set (skills, passions, personality) that God has given each person. One of the strategic ways that our groups do this is by offering opportunities for people to use their gifts. Within any group, there are many different ways you can help: facilitating, hosting, coordinating, planning hangouts, and more. The second way that group members can become who God designed them to be is by entering into discipling relationships where they can meet regularly in a gender-specific group of 3-5 people for a season of accelerated spiritual transformation.

From these four explanations, which most excites you about how God will use this group in your life?

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When Will We Meet?

Our group will not follow a schedule, but a rhythm.

The Group's rhythm looks like this:

- **Meet Weekly:** We will gather weekly on the same day and time. Normally we will go through the passage from Sunday's sermon. For the first few weeks, we will go through specific passages that best describe how God will work through this Group to bring about change in both your life and in the lives of those who aren't here yet. Below is a recommended meeting flow:
 - **Hangout Time (20-30 minutes):** We will spend time laughing and welcoming new people. We may include snacks and/or a meal for this time.
 - **Group Discussion (45-60 minutes):** We will discuss the weekly passage and how we can apply it to our lives.
 - **Prayer (10-20 minutes):** We will finish by praying for one another.
- **Party Monthly:** Once a month, we will set aside one of our weekly meetings for a Hangout Night. These are nights where we have fun together and invite new people to join our group. We'll talk more about Hangout Nights on Week 4.
- **Serve Quarterly:** Four times a year, we'll serve the community as a group.



WEEK 2



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CONTEXT:

Today, we will be reading through a passage in Acts 2. Jesus has just died, risen, and spent forty days with His disciples preparing them to continue his ministry in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. After the Holy Spirit descends down onto the disciples, the author Luke gives a summary of how the Early Church functioned. The principles from this passage give us a model for how our community can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

PASSAGE:

"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." Acts 2:42-47

DISCUSSION:

1. This passage highlights the four commitments that the church makes. What are they?
2. Practically, what do you think it looks like for us to devote ourselves to these four things within our group?
3. In verses 43-47, Luke describes the church's impact in two ways: inward and outward. In what ways do you see how the church's commitment to these four devotions strengthened its members and the community within?
4. Luke describes the impact the church had on its community as people were added daily. In what ways do you see how our group could have the same type of impact?



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CONTEXT:

This story with Jesus falls between several miracle accounts as He is in the middle of His earthly ministry. In this passage, we will see Jesus take a detour from those miracles and spend time in a tax collector's office where a different type of miracle takes place: life change.

PASSAGE:

"9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. 10 And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." Matthew 9 : 9 - 13

DISCUSSION:

1. As a tax collector, how was Matthew seen by society?
2. What does the full room of tax collectors say about Jesus' impact on Matthew?
3. In verse 11, what does the Pharisees' question show us about their heart?
4. In verse 12, Jesus says He came for the sick, not the healthy. What do you think He meant by these two descriptions?



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Today, we won't go through a new passage, but we will continue the conversation we started last week about how we can follow Jesus' example by identifying ONE person in our life that we intentionally want to invest in.

DISCUSSION

If you are comfortable sharing, whose name did you write down and why?

Now that we have all identified one person in our life that would benefit from a group like ours, we want to do three things:

1. **PRAY** daily: We will ask God to make this person aware of Christ's love and their need for Him and to give them the faith to repent and believe. Without sharing intimate details about your ONE, what are specific prayers you can pray for your ONE?
2. **INVEST** weekly: We will build a relationship with this person so we can share Christ's love with them. As we invest in someone's life, we build trust, which creates more opportunities to share the Gospel. What are some simple, practical ways that you can invest in your relationship with your ONE? How would that create opportunities to demonstrate and discuss Jesus with them?
3. **INVITE** to the next right thing: We want to invite people into a growing relationship with Jesus. When people aren't there yet, we can invite them to belong in our community before they believe.

NEXT STEPS:

As each of us are praying for and investing in our ONE, we want to intentionally create a place where you can invite them to belong in our community. Once a month, our Group will host a Hangout Night. As the name suggests, Hangout Nights are just nights where we hang out with one another. It's a time where we can get to know one another better as well as invite new people to join us. Though we can invite someone new any week, Hangout Nights are intentional nights designed with the new person in mind. Hangouts can be as simple or involved as you want them to be. You can grill out, go to Top Golf, complete an Escape Room, or host a Trivia Night. It's totally up to your group. Just choose things that allow your group to connect with one another and something your ONE will be interested in joining. Let's plan our first one now!

