

GROUP CHECKPOINT

OVERVIEW

While each person owns their own spiritual growth, this doesn't mean it's a solo endeavor. The most growth happens when others are part of the process. We benefit from others encouraging our growth, and we can play a part in encouraging growth in others. This Group Checkpoint is intended to guide your Group in a discussion to identify where you are today and determine what adjustments you can make going forward.

WIN FOR GROUPS:

To create a small group environment where people can pursue authentic community and spiritual growth.

How is your group doing at pursuing authentic community and spiritual growth?

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:15–16

AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY: Being real as we grow and supporting others as they grow.

The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Galatians 5:6

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: A growing faith in God expressed by a growing love for God and others.

Your group members can encourage and support one another's growth by asking questions like:

- How's God leading you?
- How are you responding?
- How can we help?

AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

This involves being real about your own growth and supporting others as they grow. How would you say your group is currently doing in this area?

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There are several factors that influence how authentic community develops in a group. Take a minute to complete the questions below related to your experience in your group. Then share your answers as a group, and try to be as real as possible when considering the "why" behind each one.

I make group meetings a priority.							
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I have connected with other group m	embers outsid	le of grou	ıp mee	tings.			
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I can share anything with my group.							
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I have experienced support from other	er group mem	bers.					
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We challenge one another to grow in	healthy ways.						
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We leverage group time as a way to le	earn and grow	togethe	r.				
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We have fun together as a group.							
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If authentic community develops when we are real about our own growth and support others as they grow, then...

- What should our group keep doing? What should we start doing? What should we stop?



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

This involves a growing faith in God expressed by a growing love for God and others. There are things each of us can do to grow our faith. Since joining this Group, where are you spiritually in each of these areas? Take a few minutes to answer the questions below, then share your answers as a group.

I connect with God through prayer.			
	WORSE	SAME	STRONGER
I prioritize spending one-on-one time v	with God.		
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I view my life circumstances through the	ne lens of God's bigger st	tory.	
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	WORSE	SAME	STRONGER
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I am using my gifts to serve others.			
	WORSE	SAME	STRONGER
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I am intentional about investing in at le	east one person who doe	es not currently follow Jesus.	
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In my daily life, I recognize that the Ho	ly Spirit is working throu	igh me.	
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I see evidence in my life of the fruit of	the Spirit being displayed	d to others.	
	WORSE	SAME	STRONGER

Spiritual growth involves movement, and every step forward is progress!

What is one thing you could do to prioritize your spiritual growth? What is your next step? How can the group help?