

# We Meet Together

## Study 1

**Possible Ice Breaker:** What is one thing in your wallet/bag/phone that represents something about you? Why?

Over the next 4 weeks we will be exploring the *why*, *what* and *how* of meeting together in growth groups.

As group, brainstorm some ideas on what the purpose of a growth group.

### Read Hebrews 10:19-25

What is the writer of Hebrews saying Christians can be confident of and why?

This passage has a list of things we are told to do.

In the table below, summarise each thing we've been called to do and how these commands relate to what Jesus has done for us.

Verse	Let us...	Because...
22		
23		

Verse	Let us...	Because...
24		
25		

Verse 25 highlights the importance of Christians continuing to meet together. Why do you think the writer of Hebrews emphasises this?

From this passage, how might we add to/change our explanation of the purpose of growth groups?

Brainstorm how your group could spur one another on toward love and good deeds as you meet together. Get specific and practical about living now for eternity.

### **Pray!**

Spend time praying together for your group as you seek to spur one another on toward love and good deeds, as you see the Day approaching.

# We Meet Together with God

## Study 2

**Possible Ice Breaker:** You've been exiled to a deserted island for a year. You are told you may take three things you want, apart from the essentials. What would you take and why.

As a growth group, we want to prioritise hearing God speak to us, together. In groups of 2 or 3, read the following verses and write down what you notice about hearing God's word as his people. Share with the group what you find.

**Matthew 7:24**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**Colossians 3:16**

**James 1:22-25**

Last week, the writer of Hebrews highlighted the importance of Christians continuing to meet together. What could be the benefit of hearing God's word as a group of Christians, rather than in isolation?

How might these verses inform our priorities for growth groups this year, as we seek to live now for eternity?

**Pray!**

Spend time praying together for your group as you seek to gather around God's word this year.

# We Meet Together to Grow

## Study 3

**Possible Ice Breaker:** If you had to describe how your week is going as an amusement park ride, what ride are you on right now?

As a growth group, we want to prioritise growing in our relationship with God. What are some possible indicators of a healthy growth group?

### Read Ephesians 4:11-16

Why did Christ give certain leaders to his people?

How would you describe a group of God's people from verses 11-16?

From this passage, what are God's people to try to do?

How are they to do this?

How does this passage impact the way we think about our growth group this year?

### Pray!

Spend time praying together for your group as you seek to grow in maturity as you wait for eternity.

# We Meet Together in Love

## Study 4

**Possible Ice Breaker:** What gameshow or reality TV show do you think you'd be great at?

God calls his people to meet together and gives us a picture of how we are to relate to one another.

Break up into groups of 2 or 3 and break up the following verses among the pairs. In your pairs, write down what your verses say about *why* we meet and/or *how* we should relate to one another. (Not all verses will address both the why and how).

Then share what you find with the group.

John 13:34-35

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Romans 14:3

Hebrews 10:24

1 Corinthians 12:21-26

James 5:9

Galatians 5:13

James 5:16

Galatians 5:26

1 Peter 1:22

Ephesians 4:2

1 Peter 4:9

Philippians 2:3

1 John 3:23

Colossians 3:9

1 John 4:7

Colossians 3:13

Given all these words from God (and maybe even what you're looked at over the last few weeks!), what could a great growth group look like?

Together, brain storm what it would look to apply these ideas to your group.  
Get creative, specific and concrete!

**Pray!**

Spend time praying that as a group you delight in meeting together, around God's word, growing in maturity and in love.