



**TWO CITIES**  
COMMUNITY GROUPS

# *COMMUNITY GROUP STARTER GUIDE*

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## Preface

Community Group Leader,

This Starter Guide is your tool to teach your Community Group the vision that Two Cities Church has for Community Groups. Taking five weeks to establish your Community Group's vision and purpose will pay substantial dividends as you seek to live out ministry, mission, and mercy together.

Complete each of the first four weeks of vision-casting, then take week five to develop a Group Plan together as a Community Group. The Group Plan will be your way to identify how your Community Group is going to practically live out ministry, mission, and mercy together. We hope this Starter Guide helps bring clarity to the *why* and *how* of your Community Group!

## Introduction

What is the calling of our Community Group? How do we live out this calling together?

We believe this Starter Guide will help us understand all that God has called us to as a community. Over the next five weeks, we will be looking at four critical priorities of community to answer these questions and our final week will be devoted to establishing a clear plan for our Community Group.

These four priorities of community are gospel, ministry, mission, and mercy.

## The Gospel

The gospel is the *foundation*, the *fuel*, and the *focus* of everything we do as Christians. In other words, the gospel is why we do what we do in community. And when we live a gospel-purposed life, what we do will flow out as ministry, mission, and mercy.

By intentionally living out the gospel together, we hope to become a unified Community Group that seeks to grow in our identity as Christians. However, this journey to be like Christ will fail unless we first understand, remember, and then set our final hope on the gospel of Jesus Christ.

So, let's first look at the *gospel* and see how it changes everything.

### Gospel

#### Discuss:

- What is the gospel?

### Four Gospel-Story Movements

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible tells us one story of four distinct movements that combine to communicate the most radically marvelous, life-changing news of all time. The four movements of the gospel-story are (1) Creation, (2) Fall, (3) Redemption, and (4) Restoration. This four-part story defines us all. This story calls us to consider who we once were, who we are now, and who we will be in Christ.

Let's look at these together.

## Creation

*God created all things as an expression of his perfect love. God designed his creation to live in harmony with him.*

Read: Genesis 1:26-31, 2:15-22

Discuss:

- What is it that makes humanity distinct from the rest of creation?
- We are God's image-bearers. What does this tell us about the value, dignity, and worth of ourselves and all people? How should that affect how we live?
- How were we created to experience life with God?
- God placed Adam in the garden to work and keep it. What has God placed you over to work and keep?

Big Idea:

God purposefully created human beings for his glory, and so we might share in his perfect joy and love. God did not make us because he needed us. Instead, he generously wants us to be in a relationship with him. Thus, we have a God-given purpose in life. We are to enjoy and honor God in all we do as rulers and stewards on the earth. God created us to live harmoniously in his kingdom with him and spread his glory and supremacy throughout the world.

Passages for Further Study: Psalm 33:6-9; Isaiah 42:5, 43:1-15; John 1:1-5; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:15-20

### Fall

*The Fall explains how sin entered the world through man's disobedience, the result of sin in our relationship with God, others, and ourselves, as well as the need we all have to be made right.*

Read: Genesis 3:1-13, 22-24

Discuss:

- What does God's wrath reveal about his character?
- What effect does the Fall have on our relationships with God? Our relationships with others? Our relationships with ourselves?
- How does a biblical understanding of sin help us interact with friends, neighbors, and family members with truth and love?
- Is there any way that we can overcome the effects of the Fall? Is there anything we can do to earn or work our way back to the Father's love?

Big Idea:

God intended to be in loving communion with man and to spread his kingdom throughout the world. But because of Adam and Eve's actions, that intention was altered by sin. The entire world became cursed, and God's created people were no longer welcome in his holy presence. Although God justly cursed the whole creation, he would seek to restore creation and rescue man from his condemning wrath.

Passages for Further Study: Romans 1:18-32, 3:21-26, 5:12-21

## Redemption

*Redemption reveals God's eternal plan to rescue us from sin and death through the gracious, sacrificial death of Christ so that our relationship with him would be restored forever.*

Read: Ephesians 2:1-10

Discuss:

- How does this passage describe who we are apart from God? Why did we need to be saved?
- What does this passage tell us about how God redeems, rescues, and restores us?
- Why does Paul say we're saved "through faith"? What is faith, and what is the object of Christians' faith?
- Not only has God saved us from sin and death, but God also saved us for a purpose. For what purpose has God saved us? How can we as a Community Group live out this calling together?

Big Idea:

Christ's substitutionary death was an act of loving grace because we were dead in sin and could not save ourselves. But God sent Jesus to take our place and become our salvation and make us righteous. Because of Christ alone, we are redeemed and brought back into God's kingdom. We cannot earn salvation, and we cannot add to the salvation given to us. We only need to receive the free, gracious gift of salvation through faith.

Passages for Further Study: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Mark 10:45; Romans 5:6-11, 6:23; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:7, 2:11-22; 1 John 1:9, 4:9-10

## Restoration

*Restoration is the present reality of renewal that we experience through the Holy Spirit and the future hope that God will fully restore all things to himself. And we will then experience the joy of life with him forever.*

Read: Revelation 21:1-8

Discuss:

- Compare man's relationship with God in Genesis 3 with the relationship in Revelation 21, what do you notice?
- Christianity is not just about avoiding hell. Christianity is ultimately about enjoying the God who saves us. Can you genuinely say you love God more than the benefits that we receive from him? How can we continually grow in our love for God?
- How does the promise of an eternal redemption give you hope when you think about your sins and your struggles today?
- How does the promise of an eternity with God motivate us to live on mission today?

Big Idea:

Jesus has already defeated the power of Satan on the cross, but the presence of Satan has not yet been destroyed. Until Christ returns, sin and suffering will remain in the world and our flesh. But God has promised to make all things new and dwell with man forever. Therefore, we can live with hope knowing that this world is not our eternal home.

Passages for Further Study: Psalm 90:2; Isaiah 65:17-25; Acts 3:19-21; Colossians 3:1-4; 2 Peter 3:12-13; Revelation 22:17, 20

# The Gospel

## Gospel

### Discuss:

- Having discussed the four main movements of the story of Scripture, answer again: What is the gospel? What changed from your first definition of the gospel?

The gospel = *Life with God is made available to us through the cross of Christ as a pure gift of God's grace.*

- At this stage in your life, how do you feel that God is calling you to respond to this truth?

## Conclusion

The gospel is the *foundation*, the *fuel*, and the *focus* of everything we do as Christians. We must remember this glorious message that we are new, righteous children of God only because of Christ. We were brought back into communion with God because Christ died in our place.

So, how do we remember the gospel message in the context of community? We remember the gospel by practicing with one another what it means to imitate Christ. We won't succeed by ourselves, but by being in relationship with other believers. God calls us to pursue Christ in the context of Christian community. So, as we look to Christ together, we ought to find ourselves worshipping him daily, sharing truths with others as brothers and sisters in Christ, being faithful with what he has given us, and using that to serve one another.

In Scripture, we see three foundational and essential components in the life of Jesus that the church is called to imitate. The three components of Jesus' life, and also three expressions of our church and our Community Groups are: *ministry*, *mission*, and *mercy*.

Next week we will discuss what it means for our Community Group to be a people of *ministry*.

## Pray

Pray that every Community Group at Two Cities Church would pursue the gospel of Jesus and know the story of God's love for the world.





## Introduction

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We want to keep the gospel message at the forefront of our Community Groups as Two Cities Church pursues the mission to give every man, woman, and child repeated opportunities to see, hear, and respond to the gospel.

## Community Group Expression #1: Ministry

This week, we will discuss what it means for our Community Group to be a people of ministry. Ministry was one of the most visible components of Jesus' life here on earth. Consider how Jesus pursued (and accomplished) ministry. Jesus developed his followers into leaders. He lived his life openly with others. And he desired for people to be both known and loved.

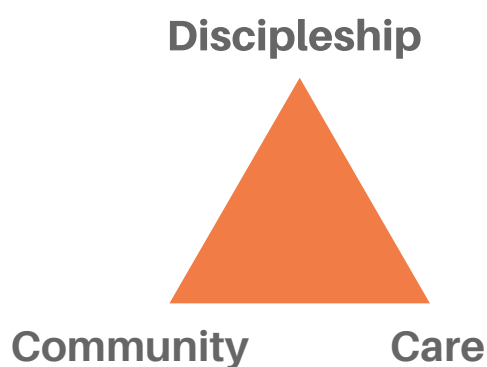
When we talk about *ministry*, it is a unique expression of the church compared to *mission* or *mercy*. Ministry focuses primarily on bringing health to the local church. Mission focuses on bringing hope to the lost. Mercy focuses on helping the least.

Here at Two Cities Church, we desire to imitate Jesus in these ways. Let's consider what ministry is and what it would look like for our Community Group to practice ministry.

### Definition

*Ministry is bringing health to the local church through good rhythms.*

The ministry of Two Cities Church is focused on bringing health to the local church. Two Cities Church aims to practice ministry primarily by opening our Bibles and opening our lives together. We want to be like Jesus and disciple others, be with others in community, and care for others. These are the *three expressions of ministry* that we believe Jesus modeled regularly:



Let's take a few moments to see how each of these expressions of ministry is present in the life of Jesus and how each expression should be seen distinctly in Two Cities Church and our Community Group.

## Discipleship

*Intentionally equipping believers to replicate faithful followers of Jesus.*

Read: Matthew 28:16-20

Discuss:

- How can the church do good works and still fall short of Jesus' command to make disciples?
- What would the discipleship process look like for each of us where we live, learn, work, and play?
- Jesus told his followers to go and make disciples. What would Two Cities Church look like if we were all disciples who made disciples who made disciples?
- What are some rhythms of discipleship that we can regularly incorporate into our Community Group gatherings?

Big Idea:

The Great Commission is Jesus' calling to all Christians to make disciples who make disciples. The reason we are disciples of Christ today is that Christian men and women before us obeyed this call. The future of the church depends on our obedience to Christ. Therefore, let's imitate Jesus and do everything we can to carry out his mission.

Passages for Further Study: Mark 3:13-15; Matthew 4:19; Luke 14:25-33; Acts 11:26, 14:21-22, 15:32; 1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Thessalonians 2:8, 5:11; 2 Timothy 2:1-2; Hebrews 3:13, 10:24-25; 3 John 2-4

### Community

*Living in relationships with both God and others in ways that reflect our relational God.*

Read: Acts 2:42-47

Discuss:

- One of our plumb lines at Two Cities Church is that discipleship happens in relationships. Why is community such an essential part of discipleship?
- In Acts 2:44, through the Holy Spirit, a bond has been created between people of all nations. What is the essential thing Christians have in common?
- What obstacles or excuses can stand in your way of being meaningfully connected with other believers in community?
- What does Two Cities Church do best and worst from this text? What regular rhythms can our Community Group incorporate to both continue in our strengths and grow in our weaknesses?

Big Idea:

As new creations in Christ, God calls us to live in unity with all believers because we are all members of one body. The power to live together in unity comes from the Holy Spirit, who allows our relationships with God and others to be marked by love. When we honor and serve other Christians, we are displaying the love of our relational God to the world.

Passages for Further Study: Acts 4:32, 34-35; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Ephesians 4:4, 12-16; 1 John 1:3

## Ministry

### Care

*Walking with other believers through their unique sins and struggles in order to be conformed to the image of Christ.*

Read: Colossians 3:12-15

Discuss:

- What does it biblically mean to care for someone? Why do Christians prioritize caring for one another?
- Read Colossians 3:13. Why is caring for others not always easy? As Christians, what is our motivation to forgive and forbear others?
- Paul says love is the most important virtue (3:14). Explain why God's love ought to propel us toward caring for others, particularly those in the church.
- What regular rhythms can our Community Group incorporate to help care for one another in our sins and struggles?

Big Idea:

Jesus received all people and sought to love them through their sins and struggles. And Jesus cared for us most profoundly when he died on the cross in our place. We are eternally cared for by Jesus, and as a result, we can extend care to others. Just as we love because God first loved us, we are to care for others because God first cared for us (and still does!).

Passages for Further Study: Psalm 8:4, 40:17; Luke 10:25-37; 1 Corinthians 12:25-26; Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 4:32, 5:2; Philippians 2:3-4; 1 Peter 3:8, 5:7

### Pray

Pray that every Community Group at Two Cities Church would pursue the ministry of Jesus and strengthen the local church.



## Introduction

### Discuss:

- What is the gospel?

The gospel = *Life with God is made available to us through the cross of Christ as a pure gift of God's grace.*

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## Community Group Expression #2: Mission

This week we are going to discuss what it means for our Community Group to be a people on *mission*. Mission was evident in the life of Jesus. We see Jesus on mission when he shared the message of the kingdom with people like Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, his apostles, the Pharisees, and the vast crowds of people who came to hear him speak. Jesus was always engaging people and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom of God.

Furthermore, we see mission extended to the church as Jesus called his followers to "go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15). As Christians, God calls us to be his witnesses and ambassadors in the world.

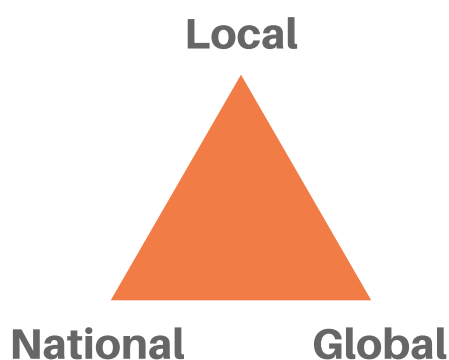
When we talk about *mission*, it is a unique expression of the church compared to *ministry* or *mercy*. Ministry focuses on bringing health to the local church. Mercy focuses on bringing help to the least. But the act of being on mission focuses primarily on bringing hope to the lost.

The lost have forever needs that need reaching, and we have just the message that can meet those needs. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the only message that God will use to save the lost. But a question we all must ask ourselves is this: how will the lost believe in whom they have not heard (Romans 10:14-17)? *We must go.*

### Definition

*Mission is bringing hope to the lost through good news.*

The mission of Two Cities Church is focused on bringing hope to the lost. In other words, Two Cities Church aims to live on mission by finding ways to share the good news of Jesus with the lost. We want to be like Jesus and follow his example and command to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and the end of the earth (Acts 1:8). These are the *three expressions of mission* that we believe Jesus modeled regularly and commanded us to pursue:



Let's take a few moments to see how each of these expressions of mission is present in the life of Jesus and how each expression should be seen distinctly in Two Cities Church and our Community Group.

## Mission

### Local

*Spreading the Christ-centered good news to the lost where we live, learn, work, and play.*

Read: Matthew 4:23-25

Discuss:

- Jesus set an example to proclaim the kingdom of God in our local context. Where are places in your neighborhood or city that you could reach the lost?
- In your day-to-day life, what can you do to see mission as a lifestyle and not an occasional duty?
- What are some of the reasons that you struggle to live out your identity as a witness for Christ? What excuses do you make to not live on mission?
- How can our Community Group be more intentional about reaching the lost where we live, learn, work, and play together?
- What is your next step to reach someone who is far from God but close to you? What's one way you can work on your FRANC & BLESS list this week?

Big Idea:

Jesus began reaching the lost in one specific place (Galilee) before going to other towns. Similarly, we should begin our missionary efforts locally where we live, learn, work, and play. When we consider missionary work, we ought to start small and see our sphere of influence as a place to actively pursue mission.

Passages for Further Study: Matthew 9:35-37; Luke 15:4, 19:10; Acts 1:8, 4:32-37



## Mission

### National & Global

*Spreading the Christ-centered good news to the lost throughout the United States and all the nations.*

Read: Revelation 7:9-12

Discuss:

- How does this picture of people from all nations, tribes, peoples, and languages worshipping God as their Lord and Savior encourage or excite you?
- Revelation 7:9 tells us all peoples will be worshipping God. The way that God reaches these people is through ordinary, everyday Christians! What role can our Community play in helping see people in our nation and all nations come to faith in Jesus Christ?
- One of the primary ways that Two Cities works to see people come to know Christ in our country and world is through church planting and international missions, respectively. What are practical ways that our Community Group can be a part of supporting church plants and worldwide missions?

Big Idea:

The gospel of Jesus Christ is not supposed to stay isolated within one area of the world. Jesus desires for his followers to go and make disciples of all nations. And while there are lost people where we are locally, we must also simultaneously be considering how we can reach the world with the gospel that saves.

Passages for Further Study: Psalm 96:3; Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8, 13:47; Revelation 5:9

### Pray

Pray that every Community Group at Two Cities Church would pursue the mission of Jesus and reach the lost with the gospel.



## Introduction

### Discuss:

- What is the gospel?

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## Community Group Expression #3: Mercy

In our final week of this Starter Guide, we are going to explore the expression of *mercy*. We see mercy in the life of Jesus as he sees people's felt needs and helps meet those needs. He cares for the blind, the paralyzed, the lepers, the hungry, the sick, and the dead.

Mercy was one of the most relationally driven expressions of Jesus' ministry and one that he identified with often. Jesus was born into poverty, spent time with the vulnerable, suffered injustice, was misunderstood, and ultimately died with nothing. Jesus was a man of sorrows who could identify with us in every respect. Thus, he often told his disciples if they cared for the least, they cared for him.

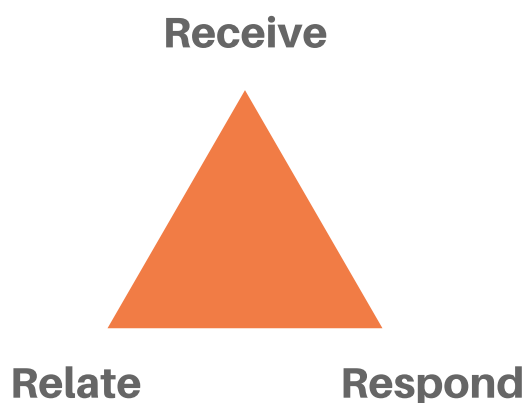
When we talk about *mercy*, it is a unique expression of the church compared to *ministry* or *mission*. Ministry focuses on bringing health to the local church. Mission focuses on bringing hope to the lost. But the act of practicing mercy focuses primarily on bringing help to the least.

The church, as followers of Jesus, is called to show mercy to the least. Just as God has shown us mercy through the death of Christ on our behalf, our calling is to mercifully meet the needs we see all around us, particularly those of the least.

## Definition

*Mercy is bringing help to the least through good deeds.*

The mercy of Two Cities Church is focused on bringing help to the least. In other words, Two Cities Church wants to practice mercy by finding ways to help meet the needs of the least. Our calling as a church is to live like Jesus Christ. Therefore, we ought to follow his example of practicing mercy to the least around us and throughout the world. These are the *three expressions of mercy* that we believe Jesus modeled regularly and commanded us to pursue:



Let's take a few moments to see how each of these expressions of mercy is present in the life of Jesus and how each expression should be seen distinctly in Two Cities Church and our Community Group.

## Mercy

### Receive

*Welcoming all people into all areas of our lives, just as Christ has freely welcomed us, so we might hear their stories and share our stories.*

Read: Matthew 25:31-46

### Discuss:

- What would it practically look like for us individually and collectively to make space in our lives for those who are physically or spiritually in need?
- Humility is one of the keys to extending mercy and receiving people well. Why? How can we grow in humility so that we can receive people well?
- Listening well is a practical way we can love others. How do you feel when you know someone is there to listen to you? In what ways can you listen to others this week?
- Eternal paradise or punishment awaits every human soul. How should this reality influence your day-to-day life, and specifically your relationship with those in need?

### Big Idea:

We welcome others, particularly the least, because God has first welcomed us. Jesus identifies with the least and says if we help meet the needs of the least, we help meet his needs. In other words, we cannot have a relationship with Jesus without having a relationship with the least. Remembering how welcoming God has been to us should fuel our desire to welcome the least.

Passages for Further Study: Deuteronomy 14:28-29, 24:17-22; Psalm 10:16-18, 68:5-6; Zechariah 7:9-10; Matthew 10:8, 22:9; Romans 15:7; 1 John 3:18

## Mercy

### Relate

*Developing personal relationships with the least so we can recognize their needs, and they can know they're loved.*

Read: Luke 6:32-36

Discuss:

- Relating puts ourselves on the same level as everyone else. We don't view ourselves as either above or below people. We meet them where they are. Who are you often tempted to look down on, and why?
- Think about our culture. Why does the world neglect the least around us? What is at the root of disregarding those who are in need or are vulnerable? What can we do to remove this root?
- How is giving without expecting anything in return a picture of the gospel? How does that free us to relate and give freely to others?
- What are practical ways that we can demonstrate love, kindness, and mercy to others? What are practical ways we can do good to the least or to lend without expecting anything in return to the least?

Big Idea:

We relate to the least for the sake of gospel-saturated relationships. The purpose of our relationships is to connect with others personally and, as a result, show respect and honor to them as fellow image-bearers. Without expecting anything in return, we hope they would recognize they are known and loved by God and us.

Passages for Further Study: Proverbs 14:31 22:2; Matthew 22:37-39; Luke 14:12-13; 1 Timothy 5:3-16; James 1:27; 1 Peter 2:17

## Mercy

### Respond

*Turning our knowledge of and love for the least into action by meeting their felt and forever needs.*

Read: James 2:14-17

Discuss:

- Though works are not what ultimately save us, why is the presence of works an essential indicator of our relationship with Jesus Christ?
- What role does prayer play in responding to people's needs? Why must the church move beyond merely praying for people's needs if we can do something about it?
- We all spend our time, talents, and treasure somewhere. Where do you spend most of your time, talents, and treasure? What do you reveal about your faith when you do so?
- Who are the vulnerable populations in our city that God might be calling us to advocate for as a Community Group?

Big Idea:

Knowing someone's need and having a selfless love for that person should move us to responsive action. Whether by generosity, advocacy, protection, or other means, our responses to the least should result from our faith in Christ. Our good works are produced by faith in Christ, who mercifully met our greatest need on the cross.

Passages for Further Study: Exodus 22:21-22; Deuteronomy 10:18-19, 15:4; Psalm 82:3-4; Isaiah 1:17-18, 58:1-14; Acts 4:34-35; Galatians 2:10, 6:10; 1 John 3:17-18

### Pray

Pray that every Community Group at Two Cities Church would pursue the mercy of Jesus and help meet the needs of the least.



## Create Group Plan

**OPPORTUNITIES** (Looking for chances to practice the love of Christ.)

Ministry (How can we bring spiritual health to the local church?):

Mission (How can we bring the hope of the gospel to the lost?):

Mercy (How can we bring the help of the church to the least?):

**GOALS** (Casting vision for mission and multiplication.)

Number of people that our group is praying will come to know Christ and be baptized this year through being on mission as a group: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of people that our group is praying will come to know Christ and be baptized this year through our FRANC & BLESS Lists:

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Number of new groups we want to see raised up this year in this group to send out and reach more people: \_\_\_\_\_

## Create Group Plan

### Group Plan

**OWNERSHIP** (Empowering people to own the mission and vision.)

Community Group Leader:

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Host:

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Mercy Coordinator:

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Administrative Coordinator:

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Social Coordinator:

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Apprentice:

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Missional Coordinator:

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Prayer Coordinator:

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Childcare Coordinator:

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Meal/Food Coordinator:

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**ROTATION RHYTHMS** (Establishing life-giving rhythms of gathering.)

#### 6-Week Rotation:

Week 1: Ministry

Week 2: Ministry

Week 3: Ministry

Week 4: Ministry

Week 5: Mission/Mercy

Week 6: Rest

#### 7-Week Rotation:

Week 1: Ministry

Week 2: Ministry

Week 3: Mission

Week 4: Ministry

Week 5: Ministry

Week 6: Mercy

Week 7: Rest

#### Monthly Rotation:

Week 1: Ministry

Week 2: Ministry

Week 3: Ministry

Week 4: Rest

(Week 5): Mission/Mercy



## Conclusion

### Starter Guide Conclusion

Throughout these past five weeks, we have seen what the call of our church and our Community Groups is supposed to be: a people who intentionally live out the gospel through *ministry*, *mission*, and *mercy*. We have also gotten the chance to create a Group Plan, which will allow us to practically live out this calling. We hope to become a unified church and Community Group that seeks to live out our calling as Christians together.

But this calling is only possible because of the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ. Remember, the gospel is the truth that life with God is made available to us through the cross of Christ as a pure gift of God's grace; and we can never move on from the gospel. The gospel ought to be the *foundation*, the *fuel*, and the *focus* of everything we do.

We can only *minister* to the local church, be on *mission* for the lost, and show *mercy* to the least by becoming gospel-saturated people. Our gratitude and love toward Christ for what he has done for us will propel us toward a life that glorifies God.

### Pray

Pray that every Community Group at Two Cities Church would be a Community Group that pursues the gospel first in all we do.



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# APPENDIX A



## Definitions

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**Fall:** How sin entered the world through man's disobedience, the result of sin in our relationship with God, others, and ourselves, as well as the need we all have to be made right.

**Gospel:** Life with God is made available to us through the cross of Christ as a pure gift of God's grace.

**Local Mission:** Spreading the Christ-centered good news to the lost where we live, learn, work, and play.

**Mercy:** Bringing help to the least through good deeds.

# APPENDIX A



## Definitions

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**Receive:** Welcoming all people into all areas of our lives, just as Christ has freely welcomed us, so we might hear their stories and share our stories.

**Redemption:** God's eternal plan to rescue us from sin and death through the gracious, sacrificial death of Christ so that our relationship with him would be restored forever.

**Relate:** Developing personal relationships with the least so we can recognize their needs, and they can know they're loved.

**Respond:** Turning our knowledge of and love for the least into action by meeting their felt and forever needs.

**Restoration:** The present reality of renewal that we experience through the Holy Spirit and the future hope that God will fully restore all things to himself. And we will then experience the joy of life with him forever.

# APPENDIX B



## FRANC & BLESS LIST

**People I know that  
don't know Jesus:**

**Friends**

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**Relatives**

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**Acquaintances**

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**Neighbors**

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**Coworkers/Classmates**

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**How I will bless them  
this month:**

**Begin to pray**

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**Listen**

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**Eat**

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**Serve**

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**Share**

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