



# FOUNDRY GROUP GUIDE

Week of October 17, 2021

## Season 1 : Identity

What does it mean to be a part of the Body of Christ?

[Missed Community Night? Click here to watch last week's Message.](#)

### OPEN WITH PRAYER

Our God, forgive us for our willingness to make faith about *me*. Reveal to us, by the presence of your Spirit and the gift of this group, that we cannot believe alone. Instead, implant in us a heart like yours, a heart that cannot be divided or distinguished from each other. We ask this by the power of the one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### INTRODUCE YOURSELVES & CATCH UP

Anybody here for the first time? Do introductions so everybody is familiar.

Catch up on prayer requests from your last gathering or quickly check in with everyone to see what has happened since you last met.

### SCRIPTURE

Mark 2:1-5

Philippians 2:12

### DISCUSSION

Check in on the commission from your last gathering: Did you remember to let Jesus' teachings have more authority in your life in the past two weeks? If so, then talk about what impact it made.

## DISCUSSION CONTINUED

The story from Mark 2 of the four men lowering their friend through a roof to be healed by Jesus was used as an example of how community carries one another to Jesus and how we can sometimes be reliant on others' faith. When has somebody helped carry you with their faith?

Read Philippians 2:12 together. Adam pointed out that the translation of the word "you" is in the plural, meaning it could also read as "*Y'all* work our *y'all's* salvation". This is quite different from the modern notion that faith can be a personal endeavor. Talk about how this concept of a shared faith is playing out in your life. Or, discuss what changes when you live out your faith alongside other people instead of doing it alone?

Can you relate to the idea of getting church as something that just needs to get "done"?

Here's your commission: During the next few weeks, be aware of your attitude about Church and Community - When it becomes about something to check off, remind yourself that we were created to be in community and that community will carry each of us when we need it (even if you are not the one that needs to be carried in this season).

## CHECK IN

Take some time to let people share what's going on in their lives (talk about the good/bad, celebrations/concerns, God sightings & prayer concerns).

The group facilitator should make note of any prayer concerns that are shared and send them out to the group after the meeting for group members to pray over throughout the week.

## WRAP UP

Mark Your Calendars

- Discuss the next day & time your Foundry Group will meet
- Next Foundry gatherings:
  - Community Night #4 - October 26 at 6:30pm at Alamo Heights UMC
  - Service Event - Saturday, October 30, in the morning at El Divino Salvador UMC (1701 W Woodlawn Ave, San Antonio, TX 78201)

Close with prayer!