



IGNITE 2 ❖ April 6, 2008

1. How has your experience in a small group been meaningful to you?

Leader Hints:

Ask each person to share a positive story or life lesson from being involved with a small group of Christ followers.

2. J.I. Packer said, “God is a perfect community within himself, that is his nature.” What are the implications for our small group of God being triune?
3. At the heart of God being in community is a mutually self-giving love among each member of the Trinity. What are the repercussions of this for our small group?

Leader Hints:

Note the following passages: John 16:14; 17:4-5. In these verses, Jesus talks about “glory.” Behind the idea of glory is “serving the other.” It is as if the desire within the Godhead is an ultimate joy in serving the other(s). “There is a dance that orbits around the other.”

4. To be in community with God requires us to live in community with other followers of Christ. Many of the “one another” texts in Scripture describe what those relationships should be like. Take a look at the ones mentioned in the message and discuss what these could look like in the life of your small group.

- ❖ *Commitment* – Romans 12:10 (be devoted)
- ❖ *Care* – Galatians 6:2 (bear up)
- ❖ *Cheerleading* – 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (encourage)
- ❖ *Warning* – Colossians 3:16 (admonish)
- ❖ *Stirring Up* – Hebrews 10:24 (spur one another on)

5. Why do you think that so few people have relationships with others that look like this? What are the obstacles that get in the way of this? What are people missing out on because of this?
6. Ask each person to list one or two things that you could commit to as a small group to help in your relationships with one another.

Leader Hints:

I have found it helpful to allow the women to discuss this among themselves and likewise the men. Split into two groups (men/women) to talk through this question honestly, and then stay in those groups for prayer as well.