

Growth Group Discussion Questions
For Our Growth Groups
“Big Moments For Jesus Followers”- Part 5
“When You Realized That We’re Better Together”
Week of October 3, 2021

Summary- *Big Moments For Jesus Followers* sets the tone for how we live and what we expect to do to build the Kingdom of God going forward.

Last week we discovered Jesus’ answer to temptation and lingering sin. It’s a big moment when you discover that truth! This week, it’s all about the big moment when we realized that we’re better together!

It begins with obedience...before we can be better together, we have to build the resolve to value being and getting together... regularly!

Being better together is about us taking advantage of what God built in to the small group and church settings where we can make others better. And, we can for sure take advantage of Jesus’ promise to be with us when we gather together! No question, His Presence... makes us better, together!

But not a lot happens if we don’t gather together! Let see the value of giving our “times together” our full attention. And may we have an “aha” moment... realizing that we can be truly... better together!

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. Have you made a decision to be at your growth group every time it’s scheduled?
What gets you to that decision?
2. How important do you think your presence at a church service is? What do you get out of it that you can’t get anywhere else?

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Small Groups Require Your Attendance- But There Is Always A Pay Off Pitch For Your Time Investment

Read the following verse and discuss the questions that follow:

Matthew 18: 20 “For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”

1. How many followers does Jesus designate as the number that are gathered together in this passage? How does that number relate to your Growth Group size? Does this promise include your Growth Group as well? Why?
2. What does Jesus promise to do when a number of His followers “gather together as HIS FOLLOWERS”? What do you think it means when Jesus says: “I am there among them”?
3. Discuss what it means “to gather together in His name”. Why is that important to His promise of “showing up at that gathering” of Believers when they function as His followers?
4. In light of this passage of Scripture, how important do you think it is to be present when your Growth Group meets since Jesus is telling us: “When you gather together as My Followers, I am there among you?” Explain your answer.
5. What could you expect to happen in a gathering of Christians “when Jesus is there among us?”

We’re Better Together In Big Church Gatherings Because Every Christian Has A Never-Ending Need For Encouragement To Keep Following Jesus. The Encouragement That’s Needed Can Be provided By Those Attending.

Read the following verses and discuss the questions that follow:

Hebrew 10:24 “Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”

1. Imagine you're at Baycities Lomita on Sunday morning and you know many of the people sitting around you. Apply the teaching of Hebrews 10:24 to your experience in church this coming Sunday. What could you do in the 15 minutes you have before and 20 minutes after the service to respond to what verse 24 teaches?
2. It takes initiative and love to encourage other Christians in ways that you know will lift them up. What are some general statements of encouragement that you could offer in a short timeframe like before or after a church service? Make a list of them and discuss what each one does.
3. What are some ways you could encourage your close Christian church friends when you have a little more time at home to figure out what you could do for them?
4. What are some reasons that Christians you know, including yourself, constantly need encouraging?
5. The last part of Verse 25 says: **“And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”**
 - a. Why do you think some people neglect meeting together at church regularly?
 - b. What makes encouragement even more needed in these last days before the return of Jesus? What is happening in our culture and lives that takes an extra dose of encouragement to keep us going strong?
6. What would you say you bring to Baycities Church that adds to us being better together?
7. Is there anything you have not yet added to our fellowship that you are waiting to contribute that would make us all even better together?