

CHECK-UP QUESTIONS

FOR USE IN COMMUNITY GROUPS

Good questions are a great community-builder.

Community Groups at Redeemer's are structured upon 6 Core Values which are reinforced in our groups on a regular basis. The questions in this document are for use in our weekly gatherings so that we will continue to rightly handle the word of truth, and be effective as witnesses to the power of the Gospel in our own lives. (2 Timothy 2:15, 1 Peter 3:15)

If coming up with good questions isn't your forte, (or even if it is!) these questions will be effective tools to check up weekly with your group. Take one topic as a focus for your check-up time at each gathering, and let each group member answer a few questions from that section. Remember, we're not trying to move through these questions, but let God use them to move through us, so if the question hits a nerve, instead of urgently moving on you should make sure to follow up on this meaningful moment God created within your group. You never know what a good question can unearth, or how much healing someone can experience by finally being honest.

Our hope is that you as a leader could *begin* by asking questions off of this list, and eventually *arrive* at a place where your group's culture is asking these kind of questions of each other regularly and organically. Some groups will take a long time to get to that place of deep authenticity or trust, but know that God can do work in hearts where it once seemed impossible. It's what he's best at!

**Please never attempt to use all these questions in one group meeting. It would be the longest and worst meeting...ever.*



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DEVOTE DAILY

- What would your ideal daily time with God look like?
 - Do you see that reinforced in Scripture?
 - Are you moving in that direction?
 - What would it take to get there?
 - What are some steps you've taken already to make it happen?
 - What can your CG do to encourage/aid you?
- What has God spoken to you this week through his Word?
- What is something you've learned about the Bible in the last few months that you didn't know before?
- What study methods are working well for you?
- Have you felt connected with God through your prayer time?
- Has God answered any prayers of yours lately?
- Are your prayers seeking God's will, or your own desire?
 - What theme do your prayers express the most? (Thanking, asking, etc.)

PURSUE RELATIONALLY

- What are some meaningful connections you've had recently in this group?
- How have you been encouraged by someone else in this group?
- What barriers are you seeing get in your way of time with others here?
- Are your interactions with people in this group Christ-centric?
- Has God grown any relationships here in ways you didn't expect?
- Are you being proactive in your pursuit of others here?
- What ways do you like to connect with others?
 - What sort of connection makes you feel valued?
 - What sort of connection makes you feel overextended?
 - Do you feel fulfilled when you get a text/email/call/visit?
- How have you seen God grow your relationships here over the months/years?

COUNSEL BIBLICALLY

- Is there anything happening in your life now where you could use advice?
 - What does the Bible say about it?
- Are you living biblically in your role in your marriage?
 - Do you see yourself becoming a better or worse partner in your marriage over time?
 - Have you learned anything from the marriages surrounding you in this group?
- Are you living biblically in your role in parenting?
 - What questions are coming up for you in the process of parenting your kids?
- Have you taken the steps to accept Christ as your Savior: Confessing that Jesus is the Messiah and Son of God, and professing this through baptism?
 - If so: When did this happen in your life?
 - If not: What needs to happen for you to take these steps with confidence?
- Have you seen biblical counsel start to take precedence in the areas of your life that are outside the church?

LIVE AUTHENTICALLY

- Is there sin in your life that no one knows about because you have never confessed it?
- What sin do you find that you consistently struggle with?
 - Has God ever given you a window of time where you felt free from it?
 - What is your greatest victory you've ever had over this sin?
- Are there temptations in your life that this group can pray for now?
- Which is tempting you more to hide your true self lately: Pride or Shame?
(Pride convinces us that we are not broken by sin, while Shame convinces us that we are not worth being loved.)
- Is there any positive habit or behavior that is absent in your life that you are convicted you need to start developing?
 - How could someone in this group come alongside you to ensure you're taking steps in that direction?
- Are you connected in times of worship or prayer?
 - Is the place you are in right now different than usual, or different than where you think you should be?
- Are you at peace in your marriage?
- Do you love yourself and appreciate the life God has given you?
- Are you being the same person in every area of your life: Church (including this group,) home, work, school, etc?

ADMONISH FAITHFULLY

- Have you received godly counsel lately that you needed to heed?
- How have you done about responding to the wise direction God has afforded to you through this group, or through other believers around you?
- Have you found a place to serve the church?
 - How do you see your service to this ministry contributing to an eternal impact?
- Are any of your pursuits for righteousness so saturating your faith that there is not room for God's grace?
- Are you living with *complete* confidence in your salvation because of Jesus' work on the Cross?
 - If not, what is standing in the way of that?
- Are there any habits you are engaged in that are destroying your body?
- How are you holding up against a world filled with sexual temptation?
- Is the media that you are consuming destructive to the integrity of your witness to the Gospel, or to the conduct of your life?

ENGAGE MISSIONALLY

- Can you state the Gospel clearly?
- Is there anyone in your life who needs to know who Jesus is?
 - Have you begun to pray for them?
 - Has God given you opportunities to share the Gospel with them?
 - Have you been faithful to share when that time came?
 - How could you be faithful to take the Gospel to this person?
- What fears do you feel when given the opportunity to share your faith?
 - Are these fears for sake of significant consequences?
 - How could we pray for you to be bold in these moments?
- Do people in your life know that you're a Christian?
- How would you like to increase your witness for the Gospel to people around you?
- Is your witness to the Gospel indicative of someone who believes that every soul's eternity in Heaven or Hell is contingent on ones' response to who Christ is?
- Are there ways that you can use your passions to contribute to God's Kingdom?