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“Serve”

Gather:

Ever wonder what the goal of small groups are? Ultimately they are meant to equip you to daily walk closer with Jesus, and to allow the Holy Spirit to work through you to love people well. Ask the following questions to see how it's going.

- How am I doing loving the people God has given me to love?
- Why is God so good?

Change:

- Think back to the message and share what theme, verse, or point stuck out the most? Why? ***Remember to bring your Update from the weekend to refresh your memory.
- We talked about the power of serving this weekend: Has someone served you in such a way that it pointed you toward God? Share what they did and why it pointed you toward God. Have you served others in a way that pointed people toward God?
- We all want purpose for our lives and often wonder what it is. Read 1 Peter 4:8-10. Discuss what unique gifts you have been given in order to serve and love the people around you, and then discuss how you use them, or would like to use them. (If you do not know the natural gifting you've been given in order to impact and love others, plan on attending the Shift Growth Track, where we help you discover them.)
- Read Ephesians 4:11-16 using the “Devotional Method”. (For the devotional method you read the passage and you meditate on it till the Holy Spirit shows you how to apply truths to your life. The goal is application not just interpretation.) Some points to consider while meditating on this.
 1. Spend time praying for insight on how to apply this truth to your life before you read.
 2. Work through it verse by verse.
 3. Meditate and share insights with each other.
 4. What does verse 12 mean by “body of Christ may be built up?” Read verse 13 for clues. (When you're studying scripture, remember to look before and after difficult verses to find the context and meaning.)
 5. In light of verse 16, share stories of how your small group has modeled this.

- If you haven't yet set up a date to start impacting your community by serving them, please do so. Brainstorm. Who is your group best positioned to serve? Who are you passionate to serve? How can your service connect people to the transformative power of the gospel of Jesus Christ?

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- This semester we want you to make it a priority to Love God and to Love others. We are asking you to commit to two things. #1 Apply the bible study methods you practice in small group during the rest of the week. INVEST in your relationship with God. #2 Get involved as a group and have an impact on this city! You will notice that we are highlighting and partnering with a few local organizations that are doing amazing things in Gainesville. If you don't already have people and places to impact in mind, join up with one of our Shift partners. We want to challenge you to spend at least one day/group time per month serving and loving those around you, and making a real impact on this city, all for the sake of the gospel. BY ALL POSSIBLE MEANS!
- Step 1 of growth track this coming weekend. If you haven't attended the growth track, this is your invitation.