

Group Discussion:

CONNECT RELATIONALLY (roughly 25% of your meeting time)

- Share Highs & Lows from the week / Share prayer needs & practice prayer together / Split into sub-groups (e.g. men / women) to share
- (Ice breaker question) *Share a time from your life when you have endured some kind of suffering. What motivated you to make it through?*

GROW SPIRITUALLY (roughly 50% of your meeting time)

- *As a group read Colossians 1:24-2:5*
- *What is Paul's motivation for suffering from this passage?*
- *How does Jesus use our suffering to further spread the gospel?*
- *What does Paul teach us about how we are to strive toward the mission of the church in order grow people to maturity in Christ?*
- *During the message on Sunday, Pastor Mark said, "Ask anybody that has walked with Jesus for any length of time, and they will tell you the best way to deepen your relationship with Jesus is to help people discover theirs." What did he mean by that, and how have you experienced this to be true?*
- *What are some of the ways Paul gives us in this passage to help strengthen other members of the church?*
- *What is one step you could take this week to strengthen a brother or sister in Christ?*

LIVE MISSIONALLY (roughly 25% of your meeting time)

- Scriptural reminder of God's missional heart – 1 Samuel 17:45-47
- Ask for any stories of BLESS steps that have happened recently. Celebrate anything shared.
- Ask people to update their FRANCES list of people that may be far from God. Who has God brought back up on your minds & hearts recently? Where do you see new potential opportunities?
- Ask people to consider and commit to 1-3 practical BLESS steps that they might accomplish in the upcoming season (week / month). What do you plan to do? How / when will you ensure it happens?
- Pray over specific names or steps that were shared.