

# COMMUNITY GROUP CORE VALUES

## THE VISION

We believe Community Groups are foundational to the life of the church and the individual believer. As members of Crossings, we are committed to live by faith, to be a voice of hope, and to be known by love. Our mission for community is to connect people in authentic relationships that lead to spiritual transformation.

As we seek to love God and live out the “One Anothers” of Scripture, these Community Core Values are biblical principles that your Community Group can use to express your love through action. We encourage your group to commit these values and verses to memory, and prayerfully consider how you can incorporate them into life together.

## COMMUNITY

### Live Authentically & Pursue Relationally (Hebrews 10:24-25)

- Where we **GATHER** in Christ-centered community
- Where life-changing friendships are formed
- Where messy lives find unity in Christ through authentic and honest relationships
- Where we put ourselves in a position to experience and give grace
- Where we are held accountable to living a life that honors the Lord

### Live authentically by sharing our struggles.

*Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. – James 5:16*

### Pursue deep relationships with one another, based on love and acceptance.

*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor. – Romans 12:10*

## GROWTH

### Devote Daily & Admonish Faithfully (2 Peter 3:18)

- Where we **CENTER** our conversation and lives on Jesus
- Where the Bible is studied and applied to our daily lives
- Where honest and authentic questions can be asked
- Where we are encouraged and challenged to discover and deepen our faith in Christ

### Devote ourselves daily to a personal relationship with Jesus.

*I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. – John 15:5*

### Encourage and admonish one another faithfully towards maturity.

*Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. – Colossians 3:16*

## CARE

### Counsel & Care Biblically (Galatians 6:2)

- Where we **SERVE** one another and our community
- Where the joys of life are celebrated and the struggles are shouldered
- Where the challenges of life are met with compassion, love and support
- Where wounds and hurts can be nurtured and healed

### **Offer and receive biblical counsel in all areas of life.**

*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. – 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

### **Take care of one another.**

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. – Galatians 6:2*

## **MISSION**

### **Engage & Serve Missionally (Matthew 28:19-20)**

- Where we join together to **SERVE** our city for Jesus
- Where we can learn to live like local missionaries in our city
- Where we can be inspired, encouraged and supported to live 'called, not employed' in our vocations
- Where we will pray for and invite our lost friends

### **Engage intentionally with our communities and the world to make disciples.**

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. – Matthew 28:19-20*

### **Serve the people of our city for the sake of the Gospel.**

*Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper. – Jeremiah 29:7*