# Life Together Intro Leader Guide

Welcome to the Life Together study at Chapelstreet Church! We're grateful that you'll be leading your group through these six weeks together, and our prayer is that God uses this time to help you experience grace, grow in faith, and make an impact- for where you are.

Our hope in making this study is that it would apply to groups in a variety of situations- as an entry point for people looking to join something new, as a next step for groups coming out of Rooted, or as a resource for existing groups looking to get back on the right foot.

The purpose of this study is to give you and your group a sense of what we see as essential to "group life" here at Chapelstreet- **community**, **accountability**, **Scripture**, **prayer**, **service**, and **multiplication**. Each week will take a deeper dive into one of these topics, with video teaching from one of our Chapelstreet pastors, discussion questions, invitations, and further resources.

One way to understand these topics is by placing them under the headings of language often used at Chapelstreet:

- Experience Grace- by joining community and remaining accountable
- Grow in Faith- by studying Scripture and spending time in prayer
- Make an Impact- by serving others and multiplying/growing

A few notes, suggestions, and ideas to make the most of this study:

- Take some time before each meeting to review the teaching video and the corresponding leader guide. This study has been created to equip you as much as possible!
- Understand that the leader guides are invitational, not mandatory.
   Each week will have a series of questions, activities, responses, and next steps, as well as further resources to study. Our hope is that you would discern which of these would serve your group best, rather than feel pressure to address every part of the guide.
- A few of these activities and resources will include attached documents on Chapelstreet's Resource Page.
- Remember that you are not alone. If questions, concerns, or issues arise- the Groups Team is here for you.

Blessings to you as you experience Life Together!

# Life Together Week 1: Community

# Welcome/Icebreaker- 5 minutes

•	Without using	a person'	's name,	how	would	you	finish	this	senter	nce:
	"I love	.''								

### **Introductory Questions- 5-10 minutes**

- What made you want to join a group like this one?
- What do you hope to get out of this group?

#### Video- 10 minutes

Watch the teaching video together, taking notes of important points, new ideas, or things that you have questions about.

- 1. Pastor Brian shared about the impact that being in community had on his faith. Have you seen the same in your life?
- 2. Do you have experience being in a group like this, or is it new?
- 3. What benefits do you see from surrounding yourself with community? What about being in a group can be difficult?
- 4. We heard in the video some of the barriers that people experience to building community- time, childcare, intentionality, etc. Has there been something that has kept you from joining a group, or something that led to you leaving a group?
- 5. As a group, let's read this description of the early church in Acts 2:42-47.
  - a. What aspects of community do you notice from this group of Christians?
  - b. What can we learn from this model of community?
- 6. As you look at Acts 2, what differences do you see between true Christian community and simply spending time with friends, neighbors, or coworkers? Why is it important to have both?
- 7. What do you hope God does in your life over the next 6 weeks?

### Activity- 15-20 minutes

In the video, we heard Brian share the importance of fun and laughter in a community. Take some time answering these lighter "get-to-know-you" questions:

- 1. If you were stranded on a desert island, what would be the three movies you would want to have with you?
- 2. What is something that everyone seems to enjoy that you don't actually like?
- 3. If someone made a movie about your life, what actor or actress would you want to play you?
- 4. If you could go back 10 years and give yourself one piece of advice, what would it be?
- 5. What's your favorite smell in the world?

### Response- 10-15 minutes

As a group, have a "ground rules" discussion centered around what you will expect from one another (i.e., confidentiality, how to deal with conflict, showing up on time, etc.).

### Invitation- 5 minutes

Pastor Brian shared how important it is to gather together to share a meal or participate in a fun event. As a group, discuss plans for your group to do the same between now and the end of this 6-week study.

#### **Further Resources**

Devotional: 20 days on Following Jesus- Community <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVwB-5ARc7">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bVwB-5ARc7</a>

Sermon: Grow & Groups

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrlgmirevFo&list=PL0InY-4k FoirCX23WeoXY1JJKertERvG&index=24

Read: Made to Belong by David Kim

# Life Together Week 2: Accountability

# Welcome/Icebreaker- 5 minutes

• If you could go back and re-do one moment of your life, would you? If so, what moment would you choose?

# **Introductory Questions- 5-10 minutes**

- Who is the person who knows you the best?
- What makes you trust that person?

#### Video- 10 minutes

Watch the teaching video together, taking notes of important points, new ideas, or things that you have questions about.

- Pastor Andrew shared this definition of accountability- "Accountability is the intentional act of inviting others to walk alongside you & speak into your life so that you can grow your faith in Christ and your obedience to Christ."
  - a. Do you agree with this definition?
  - b. Is it different than what first comes to your mind when you think of being accountable to others?
- 2. Why is it so beneficial for us to have people that we are accountable to?
- 3. What barriers are there- for you, or for people in general- to building accountable, authentic relationships with other people? What do you think of this idea- is it exciting, intimidating, strange, off-putting?
- 4. We heard in the video the "4 C's" of accountability:
  - a. <u>Complete-</u> "We will always be tempted to practice partial accountability. We'll reveal the parts of ourselves that are safest."
    - i. Is that true of you?
    - ii. Is there a part of your life that feels "off-limits" to others or even to God?
  - b. Consistent- "True accountability isn't seasonal-it's regular."
    - i. Do you have someone in your life that you are consistently accountable to?

- ii. What do you think would change in your life if you did?
- c. <u>Compassionate</u>- "When others choose to share their sin and struggles with you, you are acting as a representative of Christ in that moment."
  - i. What do you see as the right attitude or response when someone shares the struggles of their life with you?
- d. <u>Confident</u>- "The bedrock of healthy accountability is a confidence that the God who called you is faithful."
  - i. Are you ever tempted to believe that God will give up on you, stop loving you, or abandon you?
  - ii. How can practicing accountability keep us from believing this lie?

# Activity- 25-30 minutes

As a group, divide into groups of 2-3 people to pray for and with each other. While there is no pressure to share the deepest struggles in your life, if there is a part of your life that you want to invite others into, this is the space to do that!

Some questions to structure your prayer time:

- Is there something in your life that is bringing you joy?
- Is there something in your life that is causing you stress or anxiety?
- Is there a burden in your life that feels too heavy to carry?
- Is there something in your life that people don't know about that you want to share?
- Is there a lie that you have believed- about yourself, about another person, or about a situation in your life?

#### Invitation

Identify and ask one person who loves Jesus and that you trust- in this group or not- to discuss what it would look like to be accountable to each other.

#### **Further Resources**

Devotional: 20 days on Following Jesus- Confession
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Read: Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

# Life Together Week 3: Scripture

# Welcome/Icebreaker- 5 minutes

 Who was your favorite teacher? What about the way they taught did you appreciate?

# **Introductory Questions- 5-10 minutes**

- Do you have a "life verse/passage" of Scripture?
- Do you have a current favorite verse or passage?

#### Video- 10 minutes

Watch the teaching video together, taking notes of important points, new ideas, or things that you have questions about.

- 1. What has your experience been in reading and studying Scripture?
  - a. What has been helpful for you?
  - b. What has been difficult for you?
- 2. In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Scripture is described as inspired by God and good for "teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness".
  - a. Have you experienced these qualities of Scripture?
  - b. How do these purposes impact how you engage with God's Word?
- 3. In the video, Pastor Sterling described the Bible as more than a rulebook or series of one-liners, but as the "story of God".
  - a. Do you agree with that description?
  - b. How would you summarize that story in 2 to 3 sentences?
- 4. As a group, read Col. 3:12-17.
  - a. What about living in community do you see in this passage?
  - b. What habits have you found helpful to allow the word of Christ to "dwell in you richly"?
- 5. One of the most used titles of Jesus in the Gospels is "Rabbi" or "Teacher".
  - a. What does that show us about the way Jesus viewed the Scripture of His day, what we refer to as the Old Testament?
  - b. What is something that God has been teaching you through His Word recently?

### Activity- 15-20 minutes

Pastor Sterling mentioned some of the different types of group studies available at Chapelstreet, including:

- Sermon discussions
- Book studies
- Topical studies
- Video curriculum

As a group, discuss what type of study you think would be most beneficial for where you are in your faith. If necessary, the Groups Team is available to provide further options, as well!

### Invitation- 5 minutes

We heard in the video the importance of studying Scripture not just as a group, but individually, as well. As a group, identify a "Scripture reading goal" for the upcoming week that is challenging and realistic- and commit to keeping each other accountable in your own personal devotional times.

### **Further Resources**

Devotional: 20 days on Following Jesus- Scripture <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isLcZSBEW2s&list=PL0InY-4k\_FoicFce0YaSUseBovJiNQ7GO&index=2">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isLcZSBEW2s&list=PL0InY-4k\_FoicFce0YaSUseBovJiNQ7GO&index=2</a>

Explore: https://bibleproject.com/

Read: Seven Things I Wish Christians Knew about the Bible by Michael Bird

# Life Together Week 4: Prayer

# Welcome/Icebreaker- 5 minutes

Do you have a favorite family tradition? What about it do you enjoy?

### **Introductory Questions- 5 minutes**

- Who in your life do you most want to tell when you get good or bad news?
- Have you known someone who never seems to respond how you wished that they would?

#### Video- 10 minutes

Watch the teaching video together, taking notes of important points, new ideas, or things that you have questions about.

- 1. Talk about the role of prayer in your life. Is it something you look forward to? Enjoy? Persevere in? Avoid?
- 2. In the video, we heard this definition of prayer- "Prayer is the gift of quality time with the One who has created us- a reminder that the God of the universe wants to have a conversation with me."
  - a. Do you agree with that definition?
  - b. What comes to your mind when you consider God desiring relational time with you?
- 3. We saw in Luke 5 Jesus' consistent practice of solitary prayer.
  - a. Why did Jesus prioritize prayer so highly in his life?
  - b. What lessons can we learn from his example?
- 4. In the video we heard this quote from David Platt- "The primary purpose of prayer is not to get something but to be with someone."
  - a. Do you agree with that?
  - b. How can our prayer lives better reflect this idea?
- 5. Many have taught the acronym PRAY, as a helpful way to learn how to pray- Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield.
  - a. Of these four aspects of prayer, which is easiest and which is most difficult?

- 6. We also heard about the importance of praying with and for each other.
  - a. Is corporate prayer- praying out loud with others- something you're comfortable with?
  - b. Why is it so important that we practice this with our community?
  - c. Do you have people who you know are consistently praying for you? If so, what impact has that made in your life? If not, how might that affect you?

# Activity- Prayer Pathways Video- 25-30 minutes

Prayer is one of the primary ways that all of us are to connect with God, but we all have been created in different ways. The Spiritual Pathways Assessment is a quick and easy resource to learn more about how you connect with God best. As a group, take the video assessment, using the next page, titled: "Week 4 Prayer Activity".

Video link: https://groupleaders.org/curriculum-feed/spiritual-pathways-activity

Then, take some time to discuss your results:

- 1. Where did you score highest and lowest on the assessment?
- 2. Were you surprised by any of your results?
- 3. How can you use this knowledge to connect with God more?

### Response- 15 minutes

As a group, take time to pray using the PRAY method- making space to give Praise to God, to Repent and ask for forgiveness, to Ask for His intercession, and to Yield and listen for His voice.

#### Invitation

From today until our next meeting- anytime a worry, stress, or anxiety comes up, or anytime you experience something to praise God for- share it with the group so that we can come alongside you in prayer and bear each other's burdens.

#### **Further Resources**

Devotional: 20 days on Following Jesus- Prayer <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-kBbSo7yQ4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-kBbSo7yQ4</a>

Resource: 10 Questions to Start a Conversation with God

Read: Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God by Timothy Keller



# SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

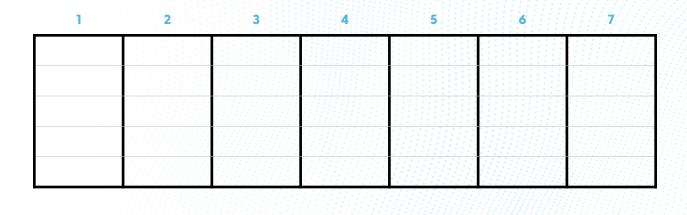
#### ABOUT SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS

God doesn't create people in cookie-cutter fashion. Each of us is unique. As a result, different kinds of experiences make us feel closer to God. Spiritual pathways help us identify the ways we most naturally connect with God. There are a total of seven pathways. Most people gravitate toward one or two of them.

### SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS ASSESSMENT

This video-based Spiritual Pathways Assessment is designed to help you identify the pathways toward which you gravitate. Here's how it works:

- 1. In the video, you'll see a series of 35 statements on the screen, one at a time.
- 2. On a scale of 1 to 5, determine how accurately each statement describes you. A "5" means the statement is very true of you.
- 3. Write your number in one of the seven columns below (the video will tell you where to write your number).
- 4. Once you've seen all of the statements, add up the totals in the space below each column.



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# SPIRITUAL PATHWAYS ASSESSMENT RESULTS

After adding up your responses, write the total of each column in the corresponding blanks below.

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- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Contemplation: enjoying solitude, prayer, and meditation
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Nature: enjoying the natural world
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Intellect: pursuing knowledge
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Relationships: connecting with others
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ Service: completing meaningful tasks on behalf of others
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ Worship: participating in musical or artistic expression

	Activism	Contemplation	Nature	Intellect
A notable example:	Martin Luther King, Jr.	St. Augustine	St. Francis of Assisi	C.S. Lewis
Things you might enjoy:	Promoting important causes, fighting for others' rights	Meditation, prayer, secret acts of devotion	Watching sunsets, taking walks	Apologetics, systematic theology

	Relationships	Service	Worship
A notable example:	Joseph (OT)	Mother Teresa	King David
Things you might enjoy:	Small groups, classes, talking with others about your faith	Serving the less fortunate, mentoring a child	Music, art, writing

### DISCUSSION

- 1. Before this assessment, how aware were you of spiritual pathways?
- 2. Which of the pathways help you feel most connected to God?
- 3. How accurate do you think your assessment results were? Explain.
- 4. To what extent are you currently connecting with God through your spiritual pathways?
- 5. What activity do you need more of to ensure you are meaningfully connecting with God?

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# **WEEK 4 - PRAYER RESOURCE**

10 Questions to Start a Conversation with God:

1.	Is there something I've been trying to do in my own power?
2.	Is there something that I've kept secret to avoid accountability?
3.	What future am I imagining that is leading to anxiety and fear?
4.	What past am I re-living that is leading to shame and regret?
5.	Where do I need to show more gratitude?
6.	Is there something that breaks God's heart that I've been apathetic towards?
7.	Is there someone in my life that needs to be encouraged or served?
8.	Who have I promised to be praying for?
9.	Who do I need to forgive?
10.	. What opportunities do I have to share the Gospel?

# Life Together Week 5: Service

# Welcome/Icebreaker- 5 minutes

 Of the five "love languages"- words of affirmation, physical touch, gifts, quality time, and acts of service- what are your top 1 or 2?

# **Introductory Questions- 5-10 minutes**

- Have you ever been on a short- or long-term mission trip?
  - o If so, how did it impact you?
  - o If not, what would you want to do and where?

### Video- 10 minutes

Watch the teaching video together, taking notes of important points, new ideas, or things that you have questions about.

- 1. If your group could make an impact through serving and be guaranteed success, what would you do together?
- 2. Pastor Bruce shared that part of the purpose of Christian community is to "make Jesus famous".
  - a. What comes to mind when you hear that phrase?
  - b. What might that look like in your own circle of influence?
- 3. As a group, read John 13:3-14.
  - a. What about the servant heart of Jesus stands out to you in this story?
  - b. What does it mean for you to obey His commandment in v. 14- that "you also ought to wash one another's feet"?
  - c. Is there someone in your family, workplace, community, etc. that you could meet a tangible need for?
- 4. Pastor Bruce shared these four reminders with us:
  - Serving is never beneath you
  - Serving others is not about who they are, but about who Jesus is
  - Humility is not only about our willingness to serve, but also our willingness to be served
  - There is always a blessing in serving

- a. Which of these reminders challenges you the most?
- b. Is it easier for you to serve or be served?
- c. How have you been blessed by serving others?

# Activity- 25-30 minutes

According to Scripture, spiritual gifts are given by God to serve other people, especially in the Church. As a group, take some time to fill out a spiritual gifts survey found on the next page, titled: "Week 5 Spiritual Gifts Activity", and discuss your results.

# Response

Pastor Bruce shared that serving is one of the best ways to remind us that community isn't just about ourselves. As a group, discuss these two questions:

- What opportunities do we have as a group to serve our church or community?
- What is one that we want to pursue in the coming weeks?

### Invitation

Identify a person with a tangible need in your community and serve themindividually, with your family, or with someone in your group.

### **Further Resources**

Devotional: 20 Days on Following Jesus-Serving https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AaFTFoFoUi0&list=PL0InY-

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Sermon: Go & Give

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vobRPw4gKWI&list=PL0InY-

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# WEEK 5 - SPIRITUAL GIFTS ACTIVITY

#### **DIRECTIONS**

This is not a test, so there are no wrong answers. The **Spiritual Gifts Survey** consists of 80 statements. Some items reflect concrete actions; other items are descriptive traits; and still others are statements of belief.

- Select the one response you feel best characterizes yourself and place that number in the blank provided. Record your answer in the blank beside each item.
- Do not spend too much time on any one item. Remember, it is not a test. Usually your immediate response is best.
- Please give an answer for each item. Do not skip any items.
- Do not ask others how they are answering or how they think you should answer.
- Work at your own pace.

# Your response choices are:

- **5**—Highly characteristic of me/definitely true for me
- 4—Most of the time this would describe me/be true for me
- **3**—Frequently characteristic of me/true for me-about 50 percent of the time
- **2**—Occasionally characteristic of me/true for me–about 25 percent of the time **1**—Not at all characteristic of me/definitely untrue for me
- 1. I have the ability to organize ideas, resources, time, and people effectively. 2. I am willing to study and prepare for the task of teaching. 3. I am able to relate the truths of God to specific situations. 4. I have a God-given ability to help others grow in their faith. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. I possess a special ability to communicate the truth of salvation. 6. I have the ability to make critical decisions when necessary. 7. I am sensitive to the hurts of people. 8. I experience joy in meeting needs through sharing possessions. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. I enjoy studying. 10. I have delivered God's message of warning and judgment. 11. I am able to sense the true motivation of persons and movements. 12. I have a special ability to trust God in difficult situations. 13. I have a strong desire to contribute to the establishment of new churches. 14. I take action to meet physical and practical needs rather than merely talking about or planning to help. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. I enjoy entertaining guests in my home. 16. I can adapt my guidance to fit the maturity of those working with me. 17. I can delegate and assign meaningful work.

18. I have an ability and desire to teach.
19. I am usually able to analyze a situation correctly.
20. I have a natural tendency to encourage others.
21. I am willing to take the initiative in helping other Christians grow in their faith.
22. I have an acute awareness of the emotions of other people, such as loneliness, pain, fear, and anger.
23. I am a cheerful giver.
24. I spend time digging into facts.
25. I feel that I have a message from God to deliver to others.
26. I can recognize when a person is genuine/honest.
27. I am a person of vision (a clear mental portrait of a preferable future given by God). am able to communicate vision in such a way that others commit to making the vision a reality.
28. I am willing to yield to God's will rather than question and waver.
29. I would like to be more active in getting the gospel to people in other lands.
30. It makes me happy to do things for people in need.
31. I am successful in getting a group to do its work joyfully.
32. I am able to make strangers feel at ease.
33. I have the ability to plan learning approaches.
34. I can identify those who need encouragement.
35. I have trained Christians to be more obedient disciples of Christ.
36. I am willing to do whatever it takes to see others come to Christ.
37. I am attracted to people who are hurting.
38. I am a generous giver.
39. I am able to discover new truths.
40. I have spiritual insights from Scripture concerning issues and people that compel me to speak out.
41. I can sense when a person is acting in accord with God's will.
42. I can trust in God even when things look dark.
43. I can determine where God wants a group to go and help it get there.
44. I have a strong desire to take the gospel to places where it has never been heard.
45. I enjoy reaching out to new people in my church and community.
46. I am sensitive to the needs of people.
47. I have been able to make effective and efficient plans for accomplishing the goals o a group.

48. I often am consulted when fellow Christians are struggling to make difficult decisions.
49. I think about how I can comfort and encourage others in my congregation.
50. I am able to give spiritual direction to others.
51. I am able to present the gospel to lost persons in such a way that they accept the Lord and His salvation.
52. I possess an unusual capacity to understand the feelings of those in distress.
53. I have a strong sense of stewardship based on the recognition that God owns all things.
54. I have delivered to other persons messages that have come directly from God.
55. I can sense when a person is acting under God's leadership.
56. I try to be in God's will continually and be available for His use.
57. I feel that I should take the gospel to people who have different beliefs from me.
58. I have an acute awareness of the physical needs of others.
59. I am skilled in setting forth positive and precise steps of action.
60. I like to meet visitors at church and make them feel welcome.
61. I explain Scripture in such a way that others understand it.
62. I can usually see spiritual solutions to problems.
63. I welcome opportunities to help people who need comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counseling.
64. I feel at ease in sharing Christ with nonbelievers.
65. I can influence others to perform to their highest God-given potential.
66. I recognize the signs of stress and distress in others.
67. I desire to give generously and unpretentiously to worthwhile projects and ministries.
68. I can organize facts into meaningful relationships.
69. God gives me messages to deliver to His people.
70. I am able to sense whether people are being honest when they tell of their religious experiences.
71. I enjoy presenting the gospel to persons of other cultures and backgrounds.
72. I enjoy doing little things that help people.
73. I can give a clear, uncomplicated presentation.
74. I have been able to apply biblical truth to the specific needs of my church.
75. God has used me to encourage others to live Christlike lives.
76. I have sensed the need to help other people become more effective in their ministries.

77. I like to talk about Jesus to those who do not know Him.
78. I have the ability to make strangers feel comfortable in my home.
79. I have a wide range of study resources and know how to secure information.
80. I feel assured that a situation will change for the glory of God even when the situation seem impossible.

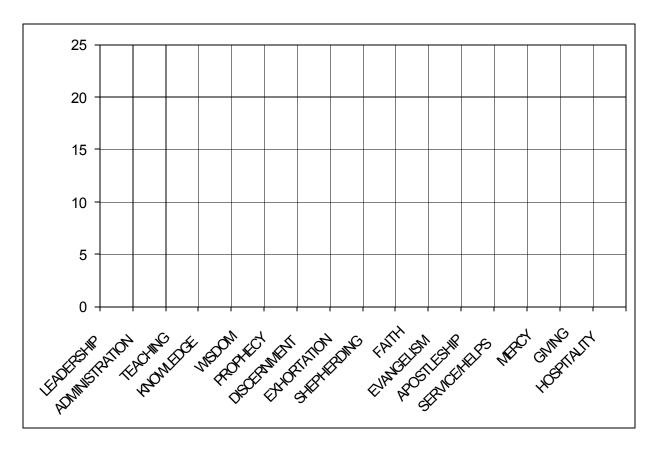
# SCORING YOUR SURVEY

Follow these directions to figure your score for each spiritual gift.

- 1. Place in each box your numerical response (1-5) to the item number which is indicated below the box.
- 2. For each gift, add the numbers in the boxes and put the total in the TOTAL box.

LEADERSHIP		+		+		+		+	=	
	Item 6		Item 16		Item 27		Item 43		Item 65	TOTAL
ADMINISTRATION		+		+		+		+	=	
	Item 1		Item 17		Item 31		Item 47		Item 59	TOTAL
TEACHING		+		+		+		+	=	
	Item 2		Item 18		Item 33		Item 61		Item 73	TOTAL
KNOWLEDGE		+		+		+		+	=	
	Item 9		Item 24		Item 39		Item 68		Item 79	TOTAL
WISDOM		+		+		+		+	=	
	Item 3		Item 19		Item 48		Item 62		Item 74	TOTAL
PROPHECY		+		+		+		+	=	
	Item 10		Item 25		Item 40		Item 54		Item 69	TOTAL
DISCERNMENT		+		+		+		+	=	
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EXHORTATION		+		+		+		+	=	
	Item 20		Item 34		Item 49		Item 63		Item 75	TOTAL
SHEPHERDING		+		+		+		+	=	
	Item 4		Item 21		Item 35		Item 50		Item 76	TOTAL
FAITH		+		+		+		+	<u> </u>	
	Item 12		Item 28		Item 42		Item 56		Item 80	TOTAL
EVANGELISM		+		+		+		+	<u> </u>	
	Item 5		Item 36		Item 51		Item 64		Item 77	TOTAL
APOSTLESHIP		+		+		+		+	<u> </u>	
	Item 13		Item 29		Item 44		Item 57		Item 71	TOTAL
SERVICE/HELPS		+		+		+		+	=	
	Item 14		Item 30		Item 46		Ite m 58		Item 72	TOTAL
MERCY		+		+		+		+	<u> </u>	
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GIVING		+		+		+		+	=	
	Item 8		Item 23		Item 38		Item 53		Item 67	TOTAL
HOSPITALITY		+		+		+		+	=	
	Item 15		Item 32		Item 45		Item 60		Item 78	TOTAL

### **GRAPHING YOUR PROFILE**



- 1. For each gift place a mark across the bar at the point that corresponds to your TOTAL for that gift.
- 2. For each gift shade the bar below the mark that you have drawn.
- 3. The resultant graph gives a picture of your gifts. Gifts for which the bars are tall are the ones in which you appear to be strongest. Gifts for which the bars are very short are the ones in which you appear not to be strong.

### Now that you have completed the survey, thoughtfully answer the following questions.

The gifts I have begun to discover in my life are:								
1.								
2.								
3.								

- After prayer and worship, I am beginning to sense that God wants me to use my spiritual gifts to serve Christ's body by
- I am not sure yet how God wants me to use my gifts to serve others. But I am committed to prayer and worship, seeking wisdom and opportunities to use the gifts I have received from God.

Ask God to help you know how He has gifted you for service and how you can begin to use this gift in ministry to others.

# Life Together Week 6: Multiplication

# Welcome/Icebreaker- 5 minutes

What do you think the best restaurant in the area is? What's your go-to meal?

### **Introductory Questions- 5-10 minutes**

- When you hear the word multiplication, what comes to mind?
- What has been something about being in a small group-this one or a previous experience-that you have enjoyed?

#### Video- 10 minutes

Watch the teaching video together, taking notes of important points, new ideas, or things that you have questions about.

- 1. As we wrap up this study today, what stands out to you from the last six weeks as we've explored community, accountability, Scripture, prayer, and service?
- 2. Can you think of someone who has made you feel included or welcomed here at Chapelstreet, or in a previous church experience?
  - a. How did that impact the way you thought about church?
  - b. Have you been able to be that person for someone else?
- 3. In the video, we heard about the importance of hospitality.
  - a. Is this something that comes naturally to you?
  - b. Why is it so important?
  - c. What are ways that you can be hospitable to the people around you?
- 4. As a group, read Philippians 1:3-8.
  - a. What does it mean to have a "partnership in the gospel"?
  - b. How do you view your involvement in this church- as a partner? A consumer? An observer?
- 5. As a group, what might it look like for us to grow and welcome new people into this circle? Is there someone that you think would benefit from this community?

### Activity- 20-25 minutes

Today marks the end of this six-week journey. Using the following questions as a guide, discuss with your group what your next steps will be.

- What opportunities are there to have fun as a community? Is there an event we want to plan?
- How will we maintain our focus on spiritual growth? What will our next study be?
- Are there any struggles, issues, or prayer requests that you would like to share with the group?
- How will we share this experience of a loving and grace-filled community with those around us? Does it look like inviting people into this circle? Starting one or more circles?

#### Invitation

Identify someone in your life who you have a chance to show hospitality towards- specifically, someone who might be struggling, lonely, or in need of friendship or hope- and make a plan to invite them into your life in a new way.

### **Further Resources**

Read: Placed for a Purpose by Chris and Elizabeth McKinney

Read: The Gospel Comes with a House Key by Rosaria Butterfield