

Community Groups are used extensively as the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering and run on a quarter system. There is one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. During the summer weeks we don't meet in Community Groups but we still offer the Growth Guides as a tool to help you grow personally. The Growth Guides are designed to help you dig deeper into the weekly sermon on your own or with your family and are available each week along with the note sheets at church as well as online.

COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE BETTER WHEN MEMBERS COME PREPARED. THIS GUIDE HAS BEEN PROVIDED AS A TOOL FOR THAT.

Consider...

Use the summary and discussion below to review and apply this week's message:

Message Summary

Most things – given enough time – settle. Houses, dust, people. But we serve a King whose kingdom is always growing, expanding and never settling, and our King doesn't want settlers. In Numbers 9:15-23, we find His recipe for keeping us from settling, and He did it by moving His people. Moving keeps us from settling!

1. **We move when He moves:** This is all about “whenever” and it definitely challenges our comfort because often we could find ourselves just getting comfortable and then we're on the go again.
2. **We stop when He stops:** This is all about “wherever” and it challenges our trust. All of the why's get asked here, don't they? “Why here? Why now? Why aren't we moving?”
3. **We want to be with Him:** If we're moving and stopping for any other reason than our love for Jesus, we won't last during the moves. Moving wasn't a duty as much as an opportunity, and this challenges our motives. If the motive is love for Jesus, we'll obey and find joy in it (see John 14:15).
4. **His presence becomes our preference:** You've heard us say lately that we want to value God's presence over our preferences as a church, but what we ultimately want is for His presence to **become** our preference. This challenges our passion – do we truly want Jesus and His presence in our lives more than anything else? If we do, moving is a small inconvenience to be with Him where He is going!

Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- What takeaway – if any – did you have from the message this week?
- Why is it so easy to settle? In what ways have you settled?
- Read Philippians 4:12 and talk about the difference between settling and contentment. How did saying he was content in “all circumstances” hint at Paul's life full of movement?
- How does God lead His people today? More than likely none of us have a cloud or fire over our houses and cars! But what do we have to guide us as we follow Jesus? (see John 16:13)
- Galatians 5:25 is how we “watch the cloud” today. How can we keep in step with the Spirit?
- Finally, describe what a life would look like when God's presence is our preference. From 1-10, where would you fall on that scale?