

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

This week, Adam shared with us the acts of Biblical Community on our eternal behalf. Understanding that the Battle we are in has more to do with our spirit and our eternal destination, we looked at the 3 acts that biblical community commit to better ready us for battle. Community as a weapon will be something that we look at as a gift from God. He desires community among us, and too wishes that we would enjoy the benefits that comes from Biblical Community. The three acts of Biblical community are:

1. **Biblical Community Corrects:** When among the trials of battle, we are easily able to fall and lose focus, but biblical community is a weapon that can correct our focus on God and can lift us up when we fall. If you have ever fallen or failed, you understand the benefits that comes from someone lifting you and restoring you. While difficult to accept, biblical community corrects to make us better not to tear us down.
2. **Biblical Community Comforts:** Having to walk through a battle or struggle, everyone understands the pain that comes with going at it alone. Biblical Community comforts by bearing the burden together. No one left behind. Another benefit of the weapon of Biblical Community, is that comfort comes with the presence of Jesus when we gather together.
3. **Biblical Community Combats:** Fighting is a one man job, you get in the ring and go around. Battle is something that we go at together. Biblical Community is a weapon by combating on our eternal behalf. Standing in the way of bullets that may be flying towards our brothers or carrying the pain of the battle shows the weapon that combats on our eternal behalf.

### Discuss

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

- What is the difference between Community and Biblical Community?
- In what ways can Biblical Community be a weapon? How does Biblical Community act on our eternal behalf?
- How does Hebrews 10:24-25 correct the lie that we do not need anyone else to fight in our battles? How does Ecclesiastes 4:10 combat the lie that biblical community will label us a lost cause?
- Read Ecclesiastes 4:11, Galatians 6:2, and Matthew 18:20. How does Biblical community comfort from these passages of scripture? Are the comforts, temporary and earthly, or do they last eternal?
- Read Ecclesiastes 4:12, Proverbs 27:17, Galatians 6:2, how does scripture say biblical community combats on our eternal behalf? How has your biblical community combatted on your behalf?
- What takeaway, if any, did you have from this week's message.