



The Gathering Community Group Guide

Week 3 / Shipwrecked / The Not so Secret Sauce of relationships

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2 Peter 1:1-15

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.

USE THIS GUIDE TO PREPARE FOR THE DISCUSSIONS IN COMMUNITY GROUP.

Consider...

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

Message Summary

*Secret Sauces make so many different recipes taste amazing. We love them because it makes the food unique and special. When it comes to relationships, we all want unique and special relationships, so Adam shared with us the 'Not so Secret Sauce' to make our relationships focused on God's design. We must be ready with all **Diligence** to add moral excellence, with knowledge, with self-control, with perseverance, with godliness, with brotherly kindness, with love to our relationships. We must examine how we have been living in these relationships and see if we are living them like God has called us to live them...*

Discuss

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

- In relationships, the people make it tough, whether that be you or the other person. When it comes to our relationship with God, we must be diligent to trust His word. Which of the 7 characteristics is the hardest for you to add to your relationships?
- How do we make sure that we are creating relationships with this not so secret sauce that God has given to us?
- Out of the 7 (Moral Excellence, Knowledge, Self-Control, Perseverance, Godliness, Brotherly Kindness, and Love) Identify 3 of these characteristics that are most common among the group. Take time to discuss why it is difficult to manifest these in relationships and look at the corresponding scriptures as to how God wants us to implement these characteristics into relationships.
 - o Moral Excellence: Matthew 5-7
 - o Knowledge: Proverbs 2:6 | 2 Timothy 2:15
 - o Self-Control: Matthew 19:16-26
 - o Perseverance: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
 - o Godliness: 1 Peter 1:13-16
 - o Brotherly Kindness: Genesis 2:7 | Psalm 139:13 | Matthew 10: 30
 - o Love: 1 Timothy 2:1-4 | Matthew 25:41
 - o Discuss any other verses that you personally may have related to these characteristics