

Gather-Grow-Give-Go

Small Group Discussion Questions

PUBLIC WORSHIP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The global pandemic COVID-19 has forced us to adjust and adapt how we do church and stay connected to one another as a congregation. We're not closed as a church, we're just doing church differently! So, please stay connected to the body at Grantham Church. Join our congregation for worship in-person with restrictions or online at 10:30 am each Sunday morning via our Grantham Church YouTube Channel. For more information, please go to the [Grantham Church Live](#) page at our website.

As usual, the sermons will be posted to the [recent sermons page](#) on our website and at the [Grantham Church Podcast](#) the following day, along with the small group discussion questions under Worship Resources. Thank you for staying connected with us!

Sunday, June 20th 2021



Sermon Title: Gather-Grow-Give-Go

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 4:11-16; Hebrews 10:24-25

Sermon Focus: God chose the church to be his Kingdom representatives on the earth. The New Testament tell us that the church is Christ's Body—his hands and feet—on the earth, which is expressed through local congregations. The church is the family of God. And every family needs healthy routines and rhythms to shape and guide them. Listen as Pastor David invites us to live into God's design for disciples of Christ.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person, by phone, or video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Pastor David began by talking about the importance of rhythms and routines. How have you experienced this in the past 15 months? What new routines did you develop that have helped you? Also, have you ever noticed how rhythms and routines orient you around what you value most? Share your observations.
2. Read Ephesians 4:11-16 together. Notice that the leaders do not do all of the ministry. Rather, they equip and empower the rest of the church to do ministry. How does this challenge how some people think about their pastors? Also, how does this pushback on the idea that the church is just another service provider?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 and Colossians 2:19. The apostle Paul uses the human body as a metaphor for describing the connectedness of the church and our need for each other. What things do you see at work in your life and in our culture that threatens deep relationships and community in the church?
4. Jesus told us to “go and make disciples” as we live our lives. Why is it unhealthy for a church to gather, grow, and give, but not go to our neighbors with gospel proclamation and living? Be specific about why this is unhealthy. Also, how might God be inviting you to be more intentional in living out your faith?
5. Pastor David summed up the purpose of the church this way: “The purpose of the *gathered* church is for worship, community, and discipleship. We gather together so that we might be equipped, inspired, and empowered to be the *missional* (sent) church in the world.” Is this summary helpful to you? Does this help put everything we do as a church into perspective? Share your thoughts.
6. Of the four G’s (Gather-Grow-Give-Go), which of these is the Spirit inviting you to engage and live into more fully, or experience in a new way? Also, what might it look like to respond to the Spirit’s leading from a place of *gratitude* and *grace* instead of duty or obligation? Be honest as you share with your group.
7. Which of the four G’s (Gather-Grow-Give-Go) do you think we need to give more attention to as a congregation? How might we do that together? How can you help in helping Grantham Church to gather, grow, give, and go?