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**LET'S TALK ABOUT ... | OCTOBER 4-10, 2023**  
WHEN IT COMES TO SMALL GROUP, YOU GET OUT WHAT YOU PUT IN.

*We should help  
others do what is  
right and build them  
up in the Lord.*

*Romans 15:2 NLT*

### >> OCTOBER 4

Have you ever seen a bicycle with two seats and two sets of pedals? It would probably be difficult to ride that kind of bike on your own! That's because it's built for two people to ride at the same time. It needs more than just one rider to work as intended. In a lot of ways, our faith is the same. Walking with God can be pretty difficult without other people in our lives helping and encouraging us as we go. That's why the challenge to help each other in our relationships with God is so important. God created us to do this faith thing together!

Who has God put in your life that you can encourage in their faith? Write down one way that you can build them up today. Then, do it!

*Live in harmony  
with each other.  
Don't be too proud to  
enjoy the company of  
ordinary people.  
And don't think  
you know it all!*

*Romans 12:16 NLT*

### >> OCTOBER 5

If you were to press three random keys on a piano at the same time, there is a pretty good chance it would sound terrible. Why? Because those notes aren't meant to be played together. But when you actually play three notes designed to work together, it sounds amazing! That's harmony—when all the notes work together to make a beautiful sound. And just like we can find harmony in music, we can find harmony in our relationships. In our friendships, our family, even in our small group—when we're working together to build each other up, we're creating harmony with the people in our lives.

Think about how you can help create harmony in a place like your small group.

*Come, let us tell of  
the Lord's greatness;  
let us exalt his  
name together.*

*Psalms 34:3 NLT*

### >> OCTOBER 6

We often think of our faith in God as personal—something we develop on our own. And while faith is certainly a personal journey, it isn't something we have to do by ourselves. Worshiping God can be a "we" thing. Worship is something we can do with others! When we join in praising God alongside others, it not only impacts our relationship with God, it impacts our relationship with the people we're worshiping with, too.

*Walk with the wise  
and become wise;  
associate with fools  
and get in trouble.*

*Proverbs 13:20 NLT*

## >> OCTOBER 7

The people we surround ourselves with have the ability to impact our lives in really good ways and, if we're not careful, in really not-so-good ways. When we spend time with friends who make unwise choices, we have a better chance of making similar choices and experiencing the consequences that come with them. But when we hang out with friends who make wise decisions, we have the potential to grow in wisdom and make choices that make our lives better!

Pay attention to the friends around you and how your choices, words, and moods are impacted by them. Then, take some time today to pray and thank God for the great friends you have who push you toward wisdom and help you live for God!

*How good and  
pleasant it is  
when God's people  
live together in unity!*

*Psalms 133:1 NIV*

## >> OCTOBER 8

Chances are good that your best memories include things like time spent laughing, hanging out, and having fun with other people in your life. That's because life is good when we experience it with others. Whether you're a "people person" or not, we're created to share life with friends, family, and the people who surround us every day. When we're getting along and having a blast with those people, not only is life more fun, but it's the way God created it to be! Because God created us for community!

Today, reach out to someone in your small group. Let them know how they've helped make your time in group better. Thank them for being someone you can hang out with and enjoy being around!

*I appeal to you, dear  
brothers and sisters,  
by the authority of  
our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to live in harmony  
with each other. Let  
there be no divisions  
in the church. Rather,  
be of one mind,  
united in thought  
and purpose.  
1 Corinthians 1:10 NLT*

## >> OCTOBER 9

God says that we are to live in harmony with other Jesus followers, being of one mind, one thought, and one purpose. But how can we be of one mind and purpose if we aren't honest with one another? Our community of believers is supposed to make us stronger, but it can only do that when our unity is authentic. So today, if you know you have been wearing a mask, show up with those you're living life with as your authentic self. Step out of your comfort zone and allow others to truly know you.

Today, pray and ask God for help showing up authentically with your small group, closest friends, or whoever you consider your close community of people.

*And let us consider  
how we may spur one  
another on toward  
love and good deeds.*

*Hebrews 10:24 NIV*

## >> OCTOBER 10

Read this scripture carefully: it is not what you might expect. It is not: consider how to love each other and do good deeds. That would be Biblical and right, but it's different: "Consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." The aim of our lives is not just loving and doing good deeds, but helping to motivate others toward love and good deeds.

When you get up in the morning, consider - think about, ponder, pray for - other people, with this conscious goal: what can I do today so that they will be spurred on toward love and good deeds? Now that's a reason to live and a focus for every day that will make a positive impact on the world!