

# COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 **One of the problems in the churches of Galatia was the issue of comparison.** Why do people compare themselves with others? What is the appropriate standard we should compare ourselves to?

2 **When it comes to restoring a lapsed brother or sister to full fellowship, how can we pursue a structure of accountability in congregational life without reverting to narrow judgmentalism?**

⚙️ *What are the standards of personal holiness that ought to distinguish a man or woman of God? In other words, what kind of things would constitute the confrontation explained in Galatians 6:1?*

🗨️ *What are the implications of failing to practice church discipline? What's at stake if we refuse to confront a brother or sister caught in sin?*

3 **Conceit can take the form of superiority or inferiority, provoking or envying.** How does your conceit show itself in your relationships? Use the evaluative questions below to help assess and identify your conceit bent.

♥️ *Do you have a tendency to “blow up,” or do you tend to “clam up.”*

♥️ *Do you tend to pick arguments with people, or do you try to avoid confrontation?*

♥️ *Do you tend to critically look down on individuals or groups of people, or are you often embarrassed and intimidated by certain kinds or classes of people?*

♥️ *When you're criticized, do you get angry and judgment and attack back? Or do you get discouraged and defensive making excuses or give right in?*

♥️ *Do you often think, “I would never do what they did?” or do you look at people and say, “I could never accomplish what this person has?”*

4 **According to (Gal. 6:1), finding someone ensnared in sin requires confrontation, perhaps even strong words such as Paul had with Peter (Gal. 2:11). How can we employ gentleness and meekness as we engage in the process of restoration?**

🗨️ *What are some helpful lessons you've learned about confrontation?*

📖 *What other passages of scripture help us understand the method and purpose of biblical confrontation?*

🗨️ *What problems could emerge in a church that neglected the hard duty of biblical confrontation?*

5 **Have you ever been gently confronted about sin in your life by another believer (perhaps a friend, spouse, or pastor)?**

♥️ *How do you normally respond to confrontation? How does God want you to respond?*

📖 *What is one of the characteristics of wisdom from above according to (James 3:17)?*

6 **Some people think it is a sign of fortitude not to bother other people with their burdens.** This is more stoical than Christian. It is also true that we should cast all our burdens on Jesus since he cares for us. But one of the ways in which Jesus bears these burdens of ours is through human friendship.

♥️ *Why is it hard for you to ask others for help?*

📖 *How was Paul comforted according to 2 Cor. 7:5-6?*

7 **Galatians 6:2 tells us to bear each other's burdens, while Galatians 6:5 tells us to carry our own load.** The Greek words are different – the first word “burden” means a weight or heavy load, whereas the word “load” means a person's pack.

🗨️ *What are some examples of burdens Christians can and should carry for each other?*

🗨️ *What sort of loads should not be shared?*

8 **To love one another as Christ loved us may not lead to some heroic or spectacular deed.** It might work itself out in the mundane and common ministry of burden-bearing.

🗨️ *What burdens of your own do you need to share with others? What burdens can you help carry this week?*

## GETTING PERSONAL

♥️ *Is there a habitual sin you need to gently restore a brother from? Are you willing to humbly confront him?*

⚙️ *John Stott once said, “There is one burden that we cannot share... and that is our responsibility to God on the day of judgment. On that day you cannot carry my pack and I cannot carry yours.” How is it liberating to know that you will only answer for your own load, and not how you lived compared to others?*

# SUMMER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking forward to all the opportunities for ministry that summer brings. Look over the list of major upcoming events and begin praying about where God would have you serve. We'll have signup sheets available on Sunday, May 31. Questions? Connect with the team leaders.



**Team Leader: Jon K**  
**(801) 396-0075**

- ▶ Outdoor services in Liberty Park with an evangelistic emphasis
- ▶ Grilled meal, games, music and clear message
- ▶ Wednesday nights, **June 10-July 29** 6:30pm-7:45pm
- ▶ Opportunities: Setup/Cleanup, Music, Food, Grilling, Prayer, and Connections Teams



**Team Leader: Liesl C**  
**(940) 867-6143**

- ▶ 4 clubs in 4 locations for neighborhood evangelism emphasis
- ▶ Tuesday-Friday club with a Saturday carnival
- ▶ **Club #1 - June 23-26**      **Club #3 - July 22-24**  
**Club #2 - July 7-10**      **Club #4 - July 28-31**
- ▶ Opportunities: Host homes, Teachers, Partner Leaders, supplies



**Team Leader: Will G**  
**(303) 726-3467**

- ▶ 120+ teenagers and sponsors partnering with us in ministry over four weeks.
- ▶ Gospel conversations, invitations, outreaches, service projects
- ▶ **Week #1 - June 22-28**      **Week #3 - July 21-26**  
**Week #2 - July 6-23**      **Week #4 - July 27-August 2**
- ▶ Opportunities: Snacks, Join in ministry, Church planting stories



**Team Leaders: Kopps & Reids**  
**(864) 561-1315**

- ▶ Sunday morning Gospel Growth Bible Study  
*The Gospel-Centered Life for Teens*
- ▶ Wednesday events after Church in the Park  
*Ice Cream Runs, Soccer, Photo Scavenger Hunts, Ultimate Frisbee, Kan Jam Tournaments and more.*
- ▶ Service projects with Backyard Bible Club and other outreaches



- ▶ Giving out free water bottles, tracts and invitations to GGC at fireworks events
- ▶ **July 4 - Sugarhouse Park**      **July 24 - Liberty Park**
- ▶ Opportunities: Pass out water, talk to people, give to buy waters

# 2014-2015 COMMUNITY GROUP REVIEW

- 1 How are you going to interact with the preaching you hear over the summer?
- 2 What have you learned from digging deeper into the questions and God's word?
- 3 What have you learned about intentionally applying truth each week?
- 4 How has God changed you over this year? How have you seen God change someone else?
- 5 How do you praise God for the individuals in your group?
- 6 What were the biggest blessings and difficulties that God brought you through personally this year? How did He bring you through?
- 7 What are some blessings from community group this past year to reflect on?
- 8 What were some of the hard lessons you learned?