


LEARNING TO LOVE AGAIN DISCUSSION QUESTIONS


REVELATION 2:1-7

- 1 **How have you been blessed by community group or a similar ministry in the past?** In what ways can community groups help you in your Christian life? What are you most looking forward to about being back together in community groups?


We use a picture of a house to describe the way we are to live with those that are part of Gospel Grace Church. Take a moment to think through each room as a group.


- 2 **Dining Room - INSTRUCTING The word is our life, and we must speak it and share it one with another.** In the dining room, we have guests over and share food and conversation together. In biblical community, we share literal food together as well as the food of studying, listening to, and speaking the word to one another. Each of us prepares a part of the meal of the Word and we share it with one another. (Acts 2:42, Matthew 4:4)


 Read Proverbs 10:11, Eph 4:15-16. Col 3:16. Is your hearing of the Word completely dependent on the Pastors? List a few ways that you are to give and receive the word.


 What practical ways do you as a member of a community group need to grow in your application of this principle? Brainstorm several ideas as a group. Think broader than Wednesday nights.

The following questions are an example of how we will meditate on and discuss Sunday's sermon theme each week. Use these this week as a way to put the Dining Room into practice. Typically, all the questions discussed in community group will come from Sunday's theme.

 Jesus commends the Ephesian church for _____ (Revelation 2:2). They were zealous for doctrinal purity and ministry, but so were the Pharisees. How is it possible for a church to preserve doctrinal purity but lose its first love for God? What has gone wrong when zealous preservation of doctrinal purity crowds out love?

 Read 1 Tim. 4:16. Paul told Timothy to watch his _____ and _____ implying a close relationship between the two. What are some ways that we should obey Paul's admonition?

 What are 3 things in your own life that are distracting you from the primacy of your first love for God? What could be threatening our first love as a church?

 What are some ways that you need to return to the works of your first love? Use the following quote to help: "The cross is the blazing fire at which the flame of our love is kindled, but we have to get near enough to it for its sparks to fall on us." (John Stott)

