

BEYOND SUNDAY

10.13.24

G: Grow (Week 2) — Mark Tumney

- 1. Koinonia Fellowship** Read Acts 2:42: *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."*
The sermon described *koinonia* as a deep type of fellowship that goes beyond surface connections. How does this idea of sharing life together resonate with you? Have you experienced *koinonia* or longed for this kind of connection?
- 2. Caring for One Another** Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11: *"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."*
In large groups, it's easy to feel unseen. Can you share an experience where you felt disconnected in a larger group setting (maybe even at church)? How might being part of a small group help you feel more seen and supported?
- 3. Engaging with God's Word** Read Colossians 3:16: *"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom..."*
The sermon highlighted how small groups can engage with Scriptures more effectively than just hearing the sermon. Has being in a small group helped you to understand the Bible better? Is there an example you can think of when you gained greater insight through the group?
- 4. Using Our Gifts** Read 1 Peter 4:10: *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*
In the larger Sunday gathering, only a few people can use their gifts. In a small group, everyone has a role and can use their gifts. At our next meeting we will explore our gifts more specifically. But how have you already seen people in our group use their gifts?

- 5. Growing in Christlikeness** Read Hebrews 10:24: *"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."*

Jesus never intended us to follow Him alone. We need others to help us grow and to become more like Him. Is there one area of your spiritual life where you would like to grow? How might the group help you in that area?

- 6. Carrying Burdens Together** Read Galatians 6:2: *"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*

The sermon spoke about the importance of helping each other carry our burdens. How could a small group serve as an effective context to help others during a difficult season? Is there someone in the group who can recall a time when someone supported you during a tough season, or when you supported someone else—in the context of a small group?

- 7. Accountability and Transformation** Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-10: *"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."*

Small groups provide accountability, which can help us to be more faithful in our walk with Christ. How do you feel about that? Is there anything that makes you hesitant about mutual accountability? Why? What does Christlike accountability look like?

- 8. Experiencing Prayer in Community** Read James 5:16: *"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."*

The sermon mentioned that small groups are a place for shared prayer. How has praying with others or being prayed for impacted your faith? What difference could regular prayer with a small group make in your life?

- 9. Living out Jesus' Commands Together** Read John 13:34-35: *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

Jesus calls us to love and serve each other. And that kind of love happens best over time in a small group. But how will the world see that love? How can we make sure that others get to experience the love we have in Christ?

- 10. Taking the Next Step in Community** As the sermon concluded, it encouraged taking a step into deeper community. What's one area where you are grateful that someone took a step of vulnerability in your group today? Tell them.