

**Home Group Notes**  
**Week of November 3, 2024**  
**“Shift?!” week #10**



**A HOLY HUDDLE?**

The term “holy huddle” has been used of Christians who isolate themselves from non-Christians and only having relationships with other Christians. But, if “holy” means devoted to God and a “huddle” is people drawing close to one another, then perhaps a Home Group is a “holy huddle.” If a friend asked you, ‘Why do you go to your Home Group,’ how would you answer?

**WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE EARLY CHURCH “HUDDLES?”**

Read the following passages and consider what we learn about their gatherings.

John 13:34-35

Hebrews 10:24-25

Galatians 6:1-2

1 John 4:11-13

Proverbs 27:17

James 5:13-16

1 Corinthians 14:26

## **DISCUSS TOGETHER**

In his message on Sunday, Bill Born gave an overview of how a small group can be a place where discipleship takes place in healthy relationships. This is an essential “shift” toward authentic relationships. Here is a brief overview of some of the elements he described.

- Leading with the gospel, the Word of God
- Leading out of relationship
- Leading as shepherds (both the leader and the people shepherding each other)
- Leading with vulnerability (“We cared so much . . . to share with you ...our own lives.”) They were honest, transparent, disclosed how God has met in the past and present. This is risky.
- Quote: “If we do not courageously open up, relationships remain shallow.” (Comer)

How are we doing? What is helpful to you and to us? Are there elements (above) to which we should give more attention? What will help us draw near to the Lord, to one another, and to help other people follow Jesus?

## **APPLY IT THIS WEEK**

How are you doing as a brother or sister? Is God calling you to follow the example of drawing near, caring for others, being vulnerable and ready to team up to make the good news of God known? This means being vulnerable with God first. He will enlighten and empower you to love Him, His family, and those who do not yet know Christ.

## **PLEASE PRAY**

- Please pray for your brothers and sisters who were sent out as our global partners. Many are lonely, challenged, and live in difficult circumstances. Consider how you can do something to encourage them this week.
- Please pray for “A Father’s Legacy” taking place on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Pray for the leaders and participants as they focus on how to help their kids follow Jesus as His disciples.
- Please pray for the widows and widowers in our church family. Ask God how we can love and support them.