

**Home Group Notes**  
**Week of September 1, 2024**  
**Series: Shift?! Week #1**



Greetings Home Group friends. We are beginning a new season of following Jesus together. In Home Groups, we meet to support, encourage, and pray for each other as we live out God's call to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Together, we are trusting God to serve and build-up one another and fulfill God's mission to the world. In order to maximize relationships and mission, we all need to make community a top priority. We do that by praying for one another throughout the week, by using our gifts and resources to love and encourage one another, and by being diligent to be together.

Every week, you will notice some prayer requests on the notes. We know by promise and by experience that God answers prayer. He is our heavenly Father who listens and faithfully attends to our every request. So, let's pray!

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**WHAT IS "SHIFT?!"**

Our Pastor, Doug Baker, has prayerfully chosen to focus the next three months on what the Bible repeatedly describes as our primary mission and purpose: "Intentional Relational Discipleship." While this is not a new topic of discussion at Trinity Church, we want to endeavor to "shift" into a higher gear of following Jesus to "make disciples who, then, personally make other disciples."

**YOUR HOME STUDY**

In this portion of each week's notes, there will be some Bible study that will help you to (1) learn what God says, (2) grow in your knowledge of God (His character and His ways), (3) consider what this means in your own life, and (4) prepare you for conversation in your Home Group meeting times.

For this week, consider the following passages of Scripture and discussion questions. In each passage, summarize what you see, write questions and applications for us.

Matthew 28:16-20

Acts 11:19-26

Pastor Doug's key points:

1. Jesus' disciples went out and personally announced the Good News about Jesus.
2. Jesus' hand was with them and people personally turned to the Lord.
3. The new disciples are encouraged to be steadfast and faithful in their faith.
4. The disciples were first called "Christians" in Antioch.

### **DISCUSS TOGETHER**

Each week in Home Group gatherings, we pursue conversations to share our understanding of the meaning and application of what we are learning in God's Word.

What do you notice about the early disciples in Acts 11?

Do you think that the Bible teaches that there is a difference between a Christian and a disciple?

As Pastor Doug taught, we are in pursuit of "intentional relational discipleship." What do you think this means?

Which of Pastor Doug's four points stand out to you? Why?

### **PLEASE PRAY**

- For one another's needs, ministries, worlds
- For the kids and student ministries in their new season
- For Young Adults that are starting back in school and ministry on campus

### **CALENDAR NOTES**

September 7	Grandparent Brunch
September 8	Fall Reunion at Forest Home (You must register)
October 5	"Love Redlands" (sign up on our website)
October 6	Partnership Classes begin (membership starts here)
October 26	Halloween Hoopla
November 8-9	A Father's Legacy (How dads can raise kids to be disciples)
November 24	Home Groups on break Thanksgiving week
December 8	Final week of Home Groups for 2024