

GROWTH GROUP BRIEFING NOTES

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Title:

People from all Backgrounds

Speaker:

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Welcome to this week's GG Briefing Notes! Thanks for leading this discussion in your group. Do pray that God uses it to help everyone in your group become more like Jesus.

We have suggested below some things to aim for in your discussion. Please don't just read this sheet out to the group! Decide before you start how you'll work towards each aim. Which of our questions will you use (you may not need all of them) – or can you think of better ones? What kind of answers will you be hoping to get from each question?

As you ask questions, keep the aim in mind, and only give hints if you have to. Don't forget to make sure everyone in the group is involved.

1

Aim

To recap how Ephesians 2 describes a church family made up of people from different backgrounds.

Some Possible Questions

Ask someone to read Ephesians 2 v11-22.

Owen talked about three aspects of a church culture that allows for a family made up of people from different backgrounds. Divide into three groups, and ask each group to remind each other what was said about one aspect and report back:

1. A culture of change in our status (v11-13)
2. A culture of peace in relationships (v14-18)
3. A culture of building together (v19-22)

Why must the gospel be central to why and how we create this kind of culture?

What would happen if we tried to build this kind of culture in the church without basing it on a gospel foundation?

2

Aim

To reflect on what we can do to foster such a community at City Church.

Some Possible Questions

In what ways do you think building a family of people from all backgrounds is different to how you currently build family in the church?

What can you do to embrace the challenge presented to us in Ephesians 2?

As a group can you think of one or two actions you can take to help you begin reaching out to people from different backgrounds?

