

Anchored

Week 4

Gathering with Believers

Leaders: Tonight we want to practice being together. Creating memories, simply enjoying one another, sharing a meal, sharing burdens, are all ways we can practice modeling what Biblical community looks like for our students. Below are a couple questions to help our students assess what they currently believe about community, along with some ideas on how we can share a meal, share burdens/celebrations, .

Q: *What is the difference between hanging with friends and gathering with believers?*

Q: *What is the purpose of community? Who holds you accountable besides your parents?*

Q: *What is most challenging about community?*

- Reach out to a parent and see if they would be willing to cook dinner for your group. Or grab pizzas, subs etc on your way to group. Share a meal together.
- Go around the circle and have students share the burdens they feel like they are carrying, or what is hard and challenging for them right now. Help our students learn to bear one another's burdens by making connections, asking follow up questions, or talking about how they relate to what was shared.
- Part of community is celebrating! Have students share what they're celebrating right now. Work to get beyond the typical **good grade on an exam!** type of answer. Model what it means to rejoice with those who are rejoicing by being excited about the good things happening in each other's lives.
- Dream, and gameplan about what we want the culture of our community (aka small group) to be, look, and feel like. Create an opportunity for students to take ownership by charging them to create what they want to be a part of.

