

COMMUNITY GROUP UPDATE

The week of December 11th

SCHEDULE:

- The **fall session** of Community Groups has officially ended.
- The **winter session** begins the week of Sunday, January 8th and will conclude the week of Sunday, March 5th.

Why Join a Community Group?

If we are honest with ourselves, we know that it can be difficult to practice the Scriptural one-anothers on a typical Sunday morning. Most of us are greeted at the doors when we enter the building, say hello to a few friends in the hallways and as we walk to our seats, and then shake “6, 7, or 8 hands” during the built-in greeting time in the service. After service, we might small talk with a few friends before making our way to the vehicle. I think it is a safe assumption that most of us on a typical Sunday morning do not ask anyone the question of “How can I pray for you?,” nor are we ourselves asked that question or a similar probing question that may give an indication of how we are doing spiritually. In the hubbub of the 500+ person worship gathering, questions like this feel somewhat out of place. **This is one reason why we have Community Groups.** At a church of less than 100 people an emphasis on the one-anothers might not be as needed - as the one-anothers may be practiced naturally - but in a church as large as ours we believe that we must be a little more strategic. As a leadership team, we want to provide a context and atmosphere where the one-anothers of Scripture can and do frequently occur. We also want to provide a setting in which you can use your God-given spiritual gifts in the building up of the Body of Christ. If not already doing so, we would hope that you would invest in the Body of Christ by committing to the weekly fellowship of a Community Group.

How to Join?

In the weeks ahead look for the salmon colored signup form in the bulletin. Return this completed form in the offering plate or drop it by the front desk in the church office. We will get in touch with you from there. Or send an email to communitygroups@gbcmt.org.

James 5:16a Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed.

An Appeal from a Concerned Shepherd

Galatians 4:12-20

Series #16

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“An Appeal from a Concerned Shepherd.”** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. One of the most difficult things in life to deal with is being what?
2. Sometimes a leader/pastor/shepherd has to make strong statements of warning that seem to be what?
3. When we come to Acts 20, Paul is at the end of which journey?
4. Acts 20:16 indicates that Paul wants to be back in Jerusalem in time for what?
5. How far was Miletus from Ephesus?
6. How many years did Paul spend in Ephesus establishing and nurturing the church?
7. Spiritual leaders have the right and responsibility to monitor what?
8. Overseeing the church of God takes a high level of what?

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9. What did Paul do a lot?
10. The Galatian believers were embracing the teaching that the OT Mosaic law is the means for what?
11. Galatians 4:12-20 are not really a warning or instruction; they are what?
12. In case the Galatians were inclined to interpret Paul's words as cruel/unkind, he now gives this appeal based on what?
13. Paul encouraged the Galatians to become like him in the sense of not subjecting themselves to what?
14. How had the Galatians treated Paul when he first spent time with them?
15. It is possible that Paul had what sickness?
16. If it wasn't for a physical sickness, Paul may not have done what?
17. Paul's circumstances in his visit to the Galatians didn't do what?
18. The Galatians understand that Paul was what?
19. One of the requirements to be an apostle was to have done what?
20. When Paul saw the risen Christ on the road in to Damascus (Acts 9), it was then that Christ called him to be what?
21. The Judaizers had infected the Galatians with what for Paul and his ministry?
22. Sometimes people let their assumptions do what?
23. According to A.T. Robertson, what is fickle?
24. It is shocking how people can turn on you simply because you did what?
25. The Judaizers were so zealous about their cause that they targeted Christians or people who had been what?
26. Zeal is a good thing but it has to be what?
27. The Jewish people of Paul's day had a zeal for God, but it wasn't according to what?
28. The intensity of Paul's burden for the Galatians was like what?
29. The Judaizers wanted the Galatians to keep the OT law but Paul was wanting the Galatians to do what?
30. The goal of salvation is for us to do what?
31. We are dead to the law and joined to Christ to do what?
32. From verse 20 we see that Paul didn't know what?
33. Pastor Bryan presents the fact that we are saved by faith in Christ alone and we grow in our Christian lives by seeking to be like Christ. Do you agree with that position or have you been convinced by some religious group or teacher that there is another path to salvation and another path to Christian living?