

The Velcro Principle

Key Scriptures

Phil. 2:13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Prov. 13:20 He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

Heb. 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Matt. 28:18-20 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

2 Tim. 2:2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

Key Point: Being in community is a spiritual discipline.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- Since this is the beginning of a new group semester, take some time to break the ice by playing two truths and a lie (every person says two things true about themselves and one thing that isn't, and the rest of the group guesses the one that isn't).

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Based on Sunday's message, how would you describe the mission of Grace Point Church?
- What do both Matt 28:18-20 and 2 Tim 2:2 have in common? In what ways are they saying different things?
- What is Phil 2:13 telling us about ourselves, and about God?
- What are the reasons behind meeting together in Heb 10:24-25?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- In reference to Prov. 13:20, can you share an experience where peer pressure or influence had a positive impact on your spiritual journey? How did it happen?
- In what ways can being part of a connect group enhance our understanding of the Bible and help us grow in our faith? What were the ways Kyle mentioned that Groups
- What are some things that you would like to see happen this next semester in your connect group?

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- If you are reading these questions, odds are you are in a Connect Group already. That's great news! How can you contribute to group life this semester? (volunteer for bringing stacks; volunteer to host; plan on some part of a meal/get together, or something to do with the Christmas Party/Fellowship etc.) Think about ways you would like to contribute, and discuss them with the rest of the group by next week's meeting.

Prayer Requests. It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

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