

# GROUP DISCUSSION

WEEK OF  
**SEP 21**

## MEAL & MINGLE

Spend these opening minutes getting to know new people and following up on conversations from previous gatherings.

45MIN

### 5X5

Spend some time sharing 1-2 stories from your group.

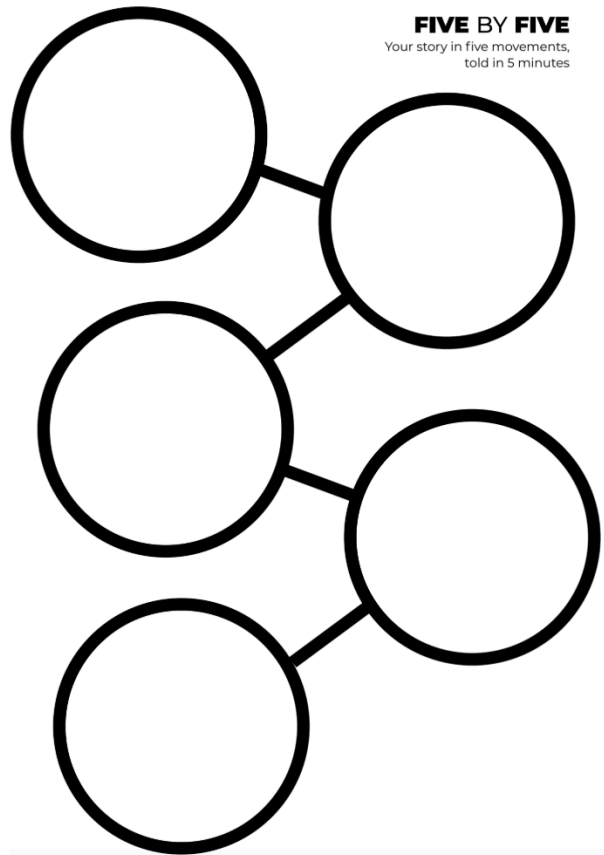
**5x5 is an intentional way for us to get to know each other on a deeper level.** It gives everyone a chance to share their story in a structured but vulnerable way. Each person will put together five pivotal moments from their life—*things that have shaped them, challenged them, or defined who they are today*. **As part of this, take time to reflect on your journey with Jesus:** *Who were the people that planted seeds in your life? What experiences led you to become a Christian—or if you haven't said yes to Jesus yet, what parts of your story have left you curious about faith?*

This isn't about having a "perfect" story. It's about creating space for honesty, vulnerability, and connection. When we open up, it invites others to do the same, and that's where real life change can happen.

1. **Handouts** – Pass out the 5x5 worksheets. Each person will use them to jot down five key life moments.
2. **Prep Time** – Give about 10–15 minutes for everyone to reflect and write. Light background music can help create an inviting, relaxed atmosphere.
3. **Sharing** – One by one, each person shares their five moments. Aim for around 5 minutes per person. It may take a couple of weeks to work through everyone's story.
4. **Response** – After someone shares, thank them. A simple "thank you for sharing that with us" goes a long way in affirming the vulnerability and building the culture we're aiming for.

#### FIVE BY FIVE

Your story in five movements,  
told in 5 minutes



**READ 1 THESSALONIANS 3:1-13** share takeaways from the passage & sermon.

## OPTIONAL QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

*Jordan had 4 key takeaways in the sermon:*

1. Love Deeply
2. Endure Faithfully
3. Grow Continually
4. Live with a Hopeful Vision

**Q 01** Which takeaway resonated with you most?

**Q 02** What is one way you feel challenged to live differently this week because of the hope you have in Jesus—and who can you share that hope with in your everyday life?

## PRAYER CAMPAIGN

**What's today's prayer prompt for your group? Start by sharing prayer requests, then spend time praying together for those needs and for the daily prompt.**

**Monday** - *Pray for unity in our church. Ask God to create a culture of encouragement where words heal and faith is strengthened.*

**Tuesday** - *Lord, help us to walk in patience and love today. Show us how to lift up the discouraged, strengthen the weak, and live in a way that points others to You. Teach us to be encouragers, peacemakers, and people of grace in every interaction. Amen.*

**Wednesday** - *Pray for joy that transcends circumstances. Ask God to fill your heart with gladness today, even in the midst of challenges.*

**Thursday** - *Pray that your life becomes a rhythm of conversation with God. Ask Him to train your heart to turn to Him in every moment.*

**Friday** - *Pray a prayer of thanksgiving. Name three things you're grateful for today—thank Him for His goodness.*

**Saturday** - *Pray for sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. Ask God to make your heart quick to listen and eager to respond to His prompting. Lord, help us to live with quiet strength, to be faithful in the work of our hands, steadfast in our daily callings, and diligent in honoring You through ordinary life. May our simple obedience point others to Jesus. Amen.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

