

November 24 Family Forum

DISCUSSION PRIMER

Use this document to spark your own ideas and prepare for our discussion on Sunday.

Topic 1: Smallifying Our Church Experience

What is still uncertain or unclear about the move toward smaller communities? Are there any questions that have remained unanswered?

After reviewing the covenant document, what else would you like to know about what will be asked of those who participate in a “smallish community”?

Topic 2: Reconsidering Corporate Worship

How should we define the purpose of our twice-monthly large group gatherings? How can these larger gatherings support and serve discipleship and mission within our smaller gatherings?

What might our corporate worship look like once Luke moves on (around February)?

With our current lease agreement set to expire at the end of December, should we seek to continue at Carnahan Hall? Should we look for another location that would be smaller, more intimate, less expensive, and/or more geographically strategic?

What is the best way to engage children and serve parents when we gather? With such a small church, how can we keep kids engaged without burning out volunteers?

Topic 3: Making Decisions as Multiple Families

Once we’re more localized in smaller communities, what should decision-making look like for matters that affect the entire church?

Should we keep the Directional Team as it is? Tweak it? Replace it?

Goals for Our Discussion:

1. To ensure that everyone understands the reasoning behind our upcoming transition and the basic commitments they’ll be asked to make.
2. To begin a discussion about how we’ll use our large group Sunday gatherings.
3. (If time): To revisit our commitment to empowered and inclusive decision-making and explore what this could look like within a new church structure.