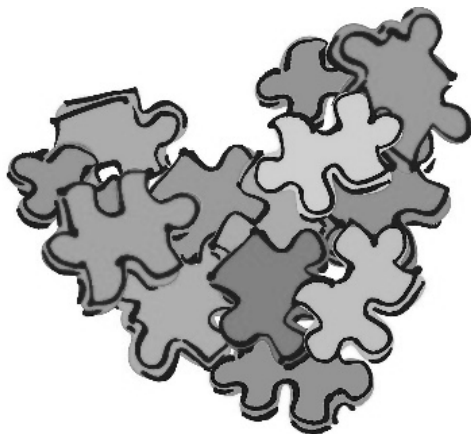


Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, September 8, 2019



Music Ministry Principles

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Pastor Tom included multiple passages in his sermon this week. Go ahead and have volunteers bookmark these passages so they can read these verses during class time.

Ephesians 4:2-3 | 1 Timothy 5:1-2 | Psalm 102:18
Acts 2:39 | Hebrews 13:17

Get to Know You

What is your favorite song we sing on Sunday morning? What hymn or worship song has significant meaning in your life?

Study the Book

1) **Music choices do not create a community; a community creates music choices.**

Read Ephesians 4:2-6

What “ones” are listed in verses 4-6?

While a church will have varying opinions, likes, and attitudes concerning various topics, a church should focus on this Biblical list of “ones” which bring unity.

How can this list as well as the attitudes described in verses 2-3 bring unity to a diverse group of believers?

We often think of joining and being a part of a church that “bears with” (loves and accepts) us. We need concentrate on being a disciple who “bears with” others.

2) **Every generation counts.**

Read 1 Timothy 5:1-2

Paul instructs Timothy that we need to treat others in the church as family.

What are some difficulties with having multiple generations in a church? (Remember Ephesians 4:2-6. This is not a group complaining session.)

What are some benefits of having multiple generations in a church?

How has a member at Hillcrest from another generation impacted your life?

3) A relay race is won or lost at the baton handoff.

Read Psalm 102:18

What does this principle mean in your own words?

What examples from Scripture show this principle in practice?

The leaders of Hillcrest gave a very low score for how we are implementing this principle. What are some ways you or your group can improve this handoff?

4) Our church exists for those who need to be here, not just those who are here.

Read Acts 2:39

Notice that the forgiveness of sin is for “you and your children and *for all who are far off.*”

Who do you know that needs the gift of salvation? Take some time to pray for 2-3 individuals who were mentioned.

5) Let leaders lead.

Read Hebrews 13:17

How can we live out these verses at Hillcrest without blindly following church leadership?

Group Application Discussion

What are needs and concerns (life issues) for the different generations in our community? Take some time to pray for these needs.

What are some ways your group can minister to different generations?

Live the Book (Personal Reflection and Application)

Pray for our church and how you can be a part of passing the baton to future generations.