

CrossPoint Community Facilitator Guide
September 14—Why Church? Active Participation

DINNER & DELIGHT (» 45 MIN)

- Encourage those who participated in Vision Night to share their highlights/takeaways.

LEARN AND STUDY (» 15 MIN)

Study/Observation Questions: Read Rom 12v1-8, 1 Cor 12v12-14

- When you hear the word *membership*, what comes to mind?
- As you read the scriptures for this week, how does that reshape your understanding of being an *active member* in the body of Christ?
- In Romans 12v1-8, what do you think it means to present yourself as a “living sacrifice?”
- In 1 Corinthians 12v12-14, how does this passage highlight our need for one another?

PRACTICE AND IMPLEMENT (» 45 MIN)

Practice right now:

- Spend a few moments individually reflecting on the 8 Discipleship Priorities (attached below). How you are presently living them out? Prayerfully identify 1–2 Discipleship Priorities to focus on this week—asking the Spirit to show you how to grow in them.
- As a group, share what you processed in the reflection time.

REFLECT AND PRAY (» 15 MIN)

Begin by explaining you’ll leave silence between each prayer movement, so everyone has space to pray (out loud or silently).

1. **Thanksgiving** – Thank God for his mercy and how you’ve experienced it in your life and/or this past week.
2. **Commitment** – Pray for the person on your right, asking God to grow them in the specific ways they shared (around Discipleship Priorities).
3. **Mission** – Close with a prayer or unity, asking God to make your community an example of what it looks like to live as active members in the body of Christ.

DISCIPLESHIP PRIORITIES

1 Life as Prayer: We are a people who practice prayer as a lifestyle, both individually and corporately.

2 Guided by the Scriptures: We order our lives from the truth in God's Word, teaching and building up the body of Christ with God-given wisdom.

3 Empowered by the Holy Spirit: God's Spirit redeems, sanctifies, and heals the whole person empowering his people for effective gospel ministry in the world.

4 Relational Living: We are made for relationships and experience transformation through the context of community in the family God is building as we gather in formative environments and engage in spiritual practices and the sacraments of baptism and communion.

5 Sacrificial Generosity: Since God is the abundant owner of all things, we live as generous stewards to reflect the goodness of God.

6 Committed Service: We serve one another, our neighbors, and the nations because we see ourselves as Jesus saw himself, a servant of all.

7 Driven in Mission: With boldness and confidence through the power of the Holy Spirit, we join God's work of renewal by living as witnesses of the gospel through love and acts of justice, sharing and demonstrating the saving grace of Jesus as we make disciples.

8 Intentional Multiplication: As we apprentice to Jesus, we make disciples who build the kingdom of God through developing and sending leaders throughout our church family and beyond while investing in future church multiplication in our region and in the nations.

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