

Small Group Champion Discussion Guide

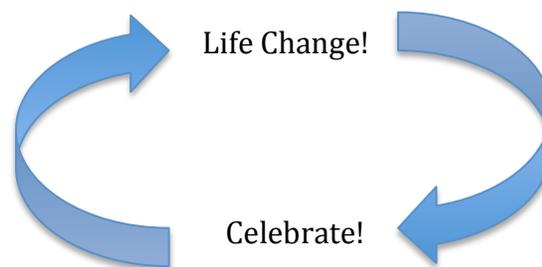
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CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

As we approach the completion of our 2018 Community Series, *The Other Side*, we have much to celebrate! There are so many stories...whether it is the person who stepped out to host a group for the first time, the many people who surrendered their lives to Christ as a result of this series, the guy or girl who joined a small group and committed to showing up every single week, or the couple whose marriage was saved by learning how to walk through life's storms in faith. Celebration is an important part of ministry and leadership, yet we often get so busy finishing one project and moving on to the next that we forget to stop and soak it all in.

Celebration is not a new concept. In fact, even the early church records times of celebration. *Acts 2:46-47* ⁴⁶ *So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,* ⁴⁷ *praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church* ⁴⁸ *daily those who were being saved.*

Celebration promotes progress. Whatever you celebrate will be reproduced. In Acts 2 Peter preached and thousands of people came into relationship with Jesus. The people then traveled from house to house celebrating what God had done and as they celebrated salvation, more people were added. The people were so excited about what God was doing that they yielded themselves to be used by God to repeat the process of salvation and celebration. This cycle should never be broken.



Today, we want to give you some practical questions to discuss with your group and action steps for how you as a leader can celebrate with your groups and teams.

Group Discussion Time

- 1. Share a story of how you or someone in your SG has been impacted by the Community Series?**
- 2. How does sharing your personal testimony help others in your small group get to “*the other side*”?**
- 3. During the series, we were asked to identify a person(s) to host/lead with you. How did that go for you? What was the outcome of taking that action step? Did someone other than yourself host the small group? What was it like for them?**
- 4. What are some of the ways you can inspire the people in your group to lead/host at the next level? What steps can you suggest they take to grow in their relationship with God and as leaders?**

Next Steps

- Growth Track
 - Step Two – Essentials – Sunday February 11th 1:00pm
 - Step Three – Dream Team – Sunday February 18th 1:00pm
 - Step Four – Small Group Life – Sunday February 25th 1:00pm
- Small Group Survey – Sent out on Wednesday February 8th – Please fill out and submit completed form, it takes ~ 4mins to complete
- Invite all Small Group Hosts to “The Other Side” celebration event. It’s going to be a great time for all the small group hosts to come together and celebrate corporately what God has done!
 - GCC, Saturday, February 24th at 6:30pm in the Offices
 - SSC, Friday, March 2nd at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary
 - LCC, Sunday, March 4th at 5pm in the Sanctuary