

MOVEMENTS

THE ESSENTIALS OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

MOVEMENT 6: DIFFERENTLY

Queue up the 10-minute video, "Movement 6," available online at fbclodi.org. **Read Numbers 11:24-31**, and then push play.

Discussion Questions for Moving Deeper:

This final week, our discussion revolves around what kind of community group we want to be moving forward. The main question is this: **How will we move forward together as a unique Christian Community?** To help guide the discussion, let's work through the 6 movements below.

Have someone who is good with words write down the coalesced thoughts of the group about each question on this study guide (or a blank sheet) in just a few sentences. The goal is that at the end, you will have (or you will at least have the beginning) of your group's unique expression of what it means to be a community group.

My prayer is that this document, once you are finished, can serve not only as something to begin with, but something to look back on as your group grows and changes. It can be a testimony to the story that God has only just begun!

1. **MOVING BACKWARD.** Central to Christian Community is the need to discover our roots as God's people, whose story (up through the birth of the church) is told in scripture. How does our group envision "moving backward" and centering ourselves in scripture? How much do we want to emphasize studying the Bible together? What will that time look like? Will we work through the provided material, or do we want to do something more?

2. MOVING FORWARD. Central to Christian Community is the recognition that God' story is moving forward, His Kingdom is advancing, and that Jesus has only just begun His work in this world. So how can we take part in His continuing story? This is not a question of "how will we serve together" (that's question 4). This is a question of prayerfully understanding our purpose. Why are we doing this? How can we continually seek God's purpose for our own lives, and the corporate life of this group?

3. MOVING INWARD. Central to Christian Community is the need to take part in one another's inward journey. How important is it to us to be "real" with one another? What kinds of commitments do we need to make together in order for this group to be safe enough for that to happen? What might stop us from being vulnerable here?

4. MOVING OUTWARD. Central to Christian Community is the recognition that We are saved for a reason: to put Him on display for the world to see. What tangible ways might we be able to do that in this group? Do we do service projects as a group? Do we participate with the church, or is there some other way we might be able to show the world what God is like?

5. MOVING UPWARD. Central to Christian Community is the act of setting aside time to celebrate together and to worship the God who gives us everything we have. How can we do that together? Do we use music? Is it a focus on meal sharing? Are there spiritual disciplines we want to try together as a group? How do we worship God in our own unique way?

6. MOVING DIFFERENTLY. God has brought us together for a specific reason, and He has a unique dream in mind for our community group. So before we finish, Let's spend some time together in prayer, seeking God's heart for our group.

Now, If you feel like you are ready, take a stab at finishing the following sentence:

Our Community Group Exists to...

Have each person sign below. Today's date: _____