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TITLE: **Conversations: Small Group or Missional Community?**

Our co-mission as the Church is to lovingly invite the people God has purposely brought into our lives to join us in community as together we share the story of the gospel, make disciples, and learn to live as an extended family following Jesus together. That's what starting or being a missional community is really all about.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about your community:

1. **If your church has traditional 'small groups', you will need to begin to lead the change you want to see—by your example.** How specifically can you begin to live with others as family? Hint: A weekly meeting will not get it done! And how can you begin to lead others to embrace our true missionary identity as you consistently look for others that God wants to bring into his family? What are 2-3 things you can begin to do immediately?
2. **As the Church, we exist for the sake of others unto God's glory.** However we gather and do life together as the Church, God's desire is that we would live as a people, his people, showing others what he is truly like. Our 'holy huddles', that were born largely out of our consumeristic schedules and preferences, is not what our Father intended and often serves to reinforce our self-love and fear of others. God wants more of his wayward kids to come home. Will you offer them a place at the table?
3. **A Missional Community is a gospel-centered community** that lives out the mission of God together (making disciples of Jesus) in a specific area and to an identified group of people. We say it this way: We are a family of missionary-servants sent as disciples who make more disciples. You will need to help the folks in your church or community understand the distinction between a group that exists for ourselves, and being God's family together on mission.

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~Caesar