

# **ROLES** **WITHIN** **COMMUNITY GROUP**

**Empowering others as you lead.**

## INTRODUCTION:

### WHAT WE KNOW:

Belief about God and what He's done affects the way we think and live. Our identity as a person/or people comes out of who God is and what He's done.

We're **Family** because God is our Father. God created us in His image and adopts us as His children.

We're **Missionaries** because God is Spirit. The Spirit enables us with love and power to be witnesses of the Gospel.

We're **Disciples** because God is Jesus, the Son. Jesus came to show us what God is like, and now invites us to follow Him.

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## CONVERSATION:

### LEARN TO LIVE AS A FAMILY OF MISSIONARY DISCIPLES:

True Hope Church wants to be a people who grow as a **Family of Missionary Disciples**. This does not mean that everyone sits and watches a Community Group Leader, but instead we want to see everyone participate.

### PARTICIPATION:

So what does participation look like? Below are some tangible practices or rhythms we'd love to see happening in your Community Group over the next year.

#### FAMILY RHYTHMS:

- Eat Together
- Share Life Together
- Pray Together

#### MISSIONARY RHYTHMS:

- Love Others
- Serve Others
- Share the Gospel with Others

#### DISCIPLE RHYTHMS:

- Read the Bible together
- Let the Bible shape you
- Pray together, asking for help as you follow Jesus' way

### DISCUSS THE QUESTION BELOW:

1. What kind of things could you do as a group that would help grow you as a Family of Missionary Disciples?

**Note:** See next page for some ideas.

### **Some Ideas:**

- *Share a meal at least once a month*
  - *Pray for one another while you're together and apart*
  - *Meet up together outside of the "planned" group meetings*
  - *Use the "Community Group Resource" site (<https://www.truehopechurch.org/resources>) to find places to serve in the city or walk through a study*
  - *Read the Bible together, discuss it and discover what it is asking us to do*
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### **PRACTICE:**

#### ESTABLISH ROLES:

Again, a **Family of Missionary Disciples** will operate best when everyone is participating. Families that have everyone helping are most healthy.

We see each Community Group operating best when four roles have been covered. These four roles (in no particular order) are:

**Communication Lead:** An effective Community Group requires administration. This role may work with the mission, family, and discipleship leads to communicate clearly with the entire group.

**Mission Lead:** This role works to keep your Community Group moving forward with regard to mission. This may include organizing times of prayer, providing clear steps of action (like serving at a food bank), or being the connect point between your Community Group and those you're serving.

**Family Lead:** This role works to create space for family to happen. This may include hosting your Community Group, planning outings, meals, or other activities where your Community Group can simply enjoy being with each other.

**Disciple Lead:** This role focuses on the care and growth of those in your Community Group as followers of Jesus. This may include offering suggestions for group study, talking through the sermon notes, leading discussion, and encouraging people toward the way of Jesus.

Each Community Group has a primary leader, but we've asked them to lead **ONLY** 1-2 of these four areas, which leaves room for others to participate in significant ways.

**ASK THE QUESTIONS BELOW:**

1. In a healthy family everyone pitches in. How do you see yourself “pitching in” with this Community Group?
  2. Do any of these roles (*Communication Lead, Family Lead, Mission Lead, and Disciple Lead*) stand out as something you’d be interested in doing?
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**END WITH PRAYING TOGETHER.**

**IDEAS FOR PRAYER:**

- That God would give us clarity when it comes to the four leadership roles.
  - That those here would belong and be known.
  - That this family of God would care for one another well.
  - That we’d be a people that follow Jesus in greater ways this year.
  - That we’d see needs around us and respond with compassion.
  - That God would give us courage to share the gospel with those who don’t know Him.
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