



# VICTORY CHURCH

## Big Idea

Pastor Curt – Part 3

We continued the series **Stick To It** with a message called **Community** focusing on moving together into God's plan for Victory Church in 2021 which is **Revive**. We all desire to make a difference in our own world. One of the things that we desperately need to revive our spirits and our church is the connection with others. This is one of the secrets to changing the world we live in as we build community and use our influence to make a difference.

Pastor Curt taught us that we need a community of people in our lives who will do these four things: **get to know me, protect me, be honest with me, and grow with me**. Pastor Curt said, *"We are better together than we can ever be alone. God has designed us for community. Let's do it together. That's the kind of community that I see at our church."* We need to stick with relationships in order for God to revive us! One way we do this is groups of people who gather together regularly outside of Sunday morning. Groups are essential to experience a dynamic life in Christ constantly growing and taking the next step. Equipped with this understanding of God-given influence, we will all begin to make a difference that's beyond what we have ever dreamed!

## Discussion Questions

- Why do we keep people at arm's length, at a distance? If you add value to people, you earn the privilege to influence them. Who are you adding value to?
- Why have Christians or the church appeared to be quick to "preach" to people instead of meeting their needs first?
- Leading a Group actually grows you, the leader, as much or more than those who attend. Why do you think, in God's economy, investing in others raises your own value?
- Read James 5:16. Why is it so important to share our struggles with each other? Why is that difficult?
- Discuss who God has put in your life that you can connect to Jesus through adding value to them, building community, and sharing your story with them.
- Pastor Curt said, *"We are better together than we can ever be alone"*. If you're not part of a small group now, would you be willing to try one for a few months?

## Prayer Focus

God please direct my steps to people who need community. Help me to love like You do. Please give me eyes to see, a heart to feel, hands that will act, the opportunity to include others, and the opportunity to connect people together and to You.

## Next Steps

People desperately want to experience community and discover that Jesus will make a difference in their lives. Be intentional to live your life to show them that He does.

## Leader Tip

Groups launch this week! Make sure your roster is up to date and that you have entered all of your meetings in PCO. This is vital for us to point new people who want to connect with you and allows us to support you.