



# Discussion Guide

questions & tips for facilitation

Gathering a group at a time that works for all can be challenging. Doodle polls and other tools can help find a time that works well for most. Plan to gather for 1.5-2 hours. It takes work to move from casual conversation into more intentional discussion, but the opportunity to grow together is worth it. An extra email or text reminder within 24 hours of your gathering with the time and any driving details helps.

## WELCOME WARMLY

10-20 MIN

Welcome guests warmly knowing it may take some time for all to arrive. Drinks or snacks to munch are optional. Maybe one guest can come early to help with these treats, the welcome, and any last minute prep. Check in with guests who you plan to see, but haven't arrived.

## EAT TOGETHER

20-30 MIN

Enjoy the chaos & joy of a family meal with all ages. Meals can be as simple or elaborate as you like. Pay attention to food preferences and dietary restrictions. Potlucks are more successful with a guide of what to bring. A google doc with each meal component (main dish, side, drinks, dessert, etc) or specific requests (salad, grated cheese, or whatever) will help everyone participate. Consider rotating homes to a new meal host next time to share the load. Pastor Amy is happy to coach you with favorite group recipes that aren't crazy to serve last minute.

## TALK TIME

40-60 MIN

Move from casual table talk to intentional conversation. Your group might easily connect over the dinner table and then scatter naturally. The temptation to let things flow is real. But, our hope with these SUP neighborhood groups is for time to connect intentionally - to know each other more deeply and sharing thoughts surrounding our shared values as a community. Assign someone to boldly lead this transition to gather into the formal discussion and consider childcare or a place less distracting for non-participating kids.

Season & Year:	Winter 2020	Spring 2020	Summer 2020	Fall 2020
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Value Focus:	Hospitality	Biblical Knowledge	Relationship	Diversity
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**HOSPITALITY**

**Connect** / start the conversation sharing from your own experience, choose one or both:

- What food represents comfort for you? How did that start?
- Where is a place you always feel welcome?

**Read & Reflect**/ read through the value statement on HOSPITALITY (last page) 3 times slowly. Discuss the value. What did you notice? Where do you see this lived out in the Calvary community? How can you imagine in happening more?

**BIBLE**

**Connect** / start the conversation sharing from your own experience, choose one or both:

- What, if anything, did the Bible mean to you in your childhood?
- How has that changed?

**Read & Reflect**/ read through the value statement on BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE (last page) 3 times slowly. Discuss the value. What did you notice? Where do you see this lived out in the Calvary community? How can you imagine in happening more?

**RELATIONSHIP**

**Connect** / start the conversation sharing from your own experience, choose one or both:

- Who is someone, living or dead, with whom you'd like to eat lunch?
- Have you ever sparked a friendship that surprised you?

**Read & Reflect**/ read through the value statement on RELATIONSHIP (last page) 3 times slowly. Discuss the value. What did you notice? Where do you see this lived out in the Calvary community? How can you imagine in happening more?

**DIVERSITY**

**Connect** / start the conversation sharing from your own experience, choose one or both:

- If you had to eat one sort of food for the rest of your life, what would it be?
- What does meaningful worship look like for you?

**Read & Reflect**/ read through the value statement on DIVERSITY (last page) 3 times slowly. Discuss the value. What did you notice? Where do you see this lived out in the Calvary community? How can you imagine in happening more?

Season & Year:	Winter 2021	Spring 2021	Summer 2021	Fall 2021
Value Focus:	Time	All Life Stages	Earth	Justice

**TIME**

**Connect** / start the conversation sharing from your own experience, choose one or both:

- What is your favorite way to waste time?
- If you had an extra hour each day, how would you use it?

**Read & Reflect/** read through the value statement on TIME (last page) 3 times slowly. Discuss the value. What did you notice? Where do you see this lived out in the Calvary community? How can you imagine in happening more?

**ALL LIFE STAGES**

**Connect** / start the conversation sharing from your own experience, choose one or both:

- Who or what helped you survive middle school?
- Who are your oldest living relatives? How often do you see them? What does that mean for you?

**Read & Reflect/** read through the value statement on ALL LIFE STAGES (last page) 3 times slowly. Discuss the value. What did you notice? Where do you see this lived out in the Calvary

**EARTH**

**Connect** / start the conversation sharing from your own experience, choose one or both:

- Beach or Mountain vacation?
- Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall?
- MN or anywhere else?
- Where is one place that truly helps you celebrate God's good creation?

**Read & Reflect/** read through the value statement on EARTH (last page) 3 times slowly. Discuss the value. What did you notice? Where do you see this lived out in the Calvary community? How can you imagine in happening more?

**JUSTICE**

**Connect** / start the conversation sharing from your own experience, choose one or both:

- As a child, what did you think was really unfair?
- What is a battle you face most days?

**Read & Reflect/** read through the value statement on JUSTICE (last page) 3 times slowly. Discuss the value. What did you notice? Where do you see this lived out in the Calvary community? How can you imagine in happening more?

## **The mission of Calvary Church is to honor God in all things.**

Our vision is to be a multicultural movement of mature glad-hearted followers of Jesus Christ deeply embracing life while living out our discipleship in the world.

We value **biblical knowledge** and understanding as the source of wisdom for living faithfully and fully into who the Spirit is calling us to become.

We value the practice of **hospitality** and the grace inherent within it; welcoming others and being welcomed just as we are.

We value **relationships** of authenticity, friendship, mutual exchange and love; honoring that we all have something to share and to receive.

We value **diversity** as an integral element of God's kingdom; experiencing it and expressing it through our worship and way of life.

We value the contributions and challenges of **all life stages** while acknowledging our unique responsibility toward the health and wellbeing of our children & youth.

We value **time as a profound gift** and consciously seek to make the most of the opportunities within it to live passionate purposeful lives.

We value the **earth as God's good creation** and will both responsibly enjoy its beauty and care for its bounty as the stewards we are called to be.

We value **justice** as a central pillar of God's will for the world and strategically struggle for and with neighbors, both locally and globally, toward its realization.