

WORKING TOGETHER

Starting point:

If you have not heard the sermon, please take the time to go to our website, www.vcfj.org and listen to it BEFORE YOU START this small group lesson. It will allow you take notes along the way and be ready for the questions at hand. Remember, this is not an exercise but rather a group discussion to help you on your journey to greatness. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

1. Working together AS A CHURCH FAMILY

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

- What can you learn from reading Hebrews 12:1?
- Leadership and order is important, but what governs the church family?
(think about rules that govern music or football)
- Read 1 Corinthians 12:18. How do we show respect for the order God has put in place?
- Read 1 Corinthians 12:21-26. What part of the Body do you think you are; a weaker or a stronger one? Explain why you think so?
- The body at Victory has also both types of members. God chose them all to be there. What do you think it takes to experience verse 26 and what part are you willing to play?
- Read Ephesians 4:11-16. A leadership structure has been put in place by God. What's the purpose for this structure (verses 12-13)?
- What do you need to do in order to be a part of the body that builds itself up in love (verses 15-16)?
- Do you believe that a commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission will glorify God through you, your family and Victory? If so, what does this look like?
- What do you and your family have to do to see this manifested weekly at Victory?

2. Working together IN YOUR FAMILY

1 Timothy 3:4-5

- Read the above Scripture and discuss why it is so important to manage your household first?
- After each individual family member begins working on “The Journey to Greatness” do you believe your entire family is the next most important part of this journey?
- Have you thought about writing a family purpose statement? What would it say?
- How do you equip your family, as in “equipping the saints”?
- Do you believe that God is being glorified through your family right now?

Explain how!

- Are there certain habits and life styles your family is involved that need to be removed so that all of you can glorify God together? If so, be specific so you can help one another.

3. Working together WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 14:15-17

- Do you believe that apart from working together with the Holy Spirit you cannot experience an intimate relationship with Jesus?
- How do you and your family work together with the Holy Spirit?
- In verse 17 we read that the Holy Spirit is the “Spirit of Truth”. Other translations use the words “advocate” or “counselor” to describe the Holy Spirit. What does this verse and these words tell us about God and his help for us?

General Questions

- Why is it important for all members of Victory to work together?
- What are your biggest challenges in working together as a body at Victory?
- How will Victory change if you become an active part of our journey to greatness?
- Do you think God placed you in this local church body or did you make a mistake?
- Do you think God wants you to be a passenger on this journey or an active member?
- If you do not play a part and someone picks up your part, what blessings are you missing?
- What necessary steps as an individual and with your family are you planning to take to start this “Journey to Greatness” with great hope?