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**A one-meeting study for your first (or one of your first)
Gospel Community meeting**

WELCOME [10 minutes]

Members of your group have gathered and are ready to dive into a discussion. Spend the first few minutes sharing the vision of a Gospel Community and having everyone introduce themselves.

Highlight = Questions to ask

Bold = Suggested script

Regular = context for you to be aware of

The aim of a Gospel Community is to be a family of disciples on mission. The aim has three parts that we'll discuss today:

- 1. Family: a place where you're known, real community***
- 2. Disciples: a desire to know and grow in following Jesus***
- 3. Mission: a group that exists to love and serve others***

From there, move into a brief time of introductions and an icebreaker.

Everyone take 30 seconds to share your name and why you are interested in being a part of a Gospel Community this year.

ANCHOR [35 minutes]

This portion involves exploring how Romans 12 connects with our Gospel Community life together.

Begin by giving context for the book, as follows:

We're going to be looking at a passage in Romans 12. Romans was written by Paul to a church in Rome and chapters 1-11 is full of what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. It's got some famous verses. Could I get four volunteers to read the following verses?

- **Romans 3:23**
- **Romans 6:23**
- **Romans 8:1**
- **Romans 8:31-32**

If you've put your trust in Jesus, we are people that God has forgiven, changed, and empowered. We've moved from sinner to saint, from death to life, from living for ourselves, to living for God by the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Romans 12 comes after all this. First, what God has done for us in Jesus. Then, how we respond to God and others. Why is this order important? What happens if we get it out of order?

Romans 12:1-2 and then verses 9-21 will be the main focus of our discussion. Let's go around the room and have each person read 2 verses.

According to Romans 12:1-2, what is worship?

FAMILY

Consider the word "genuine" in verse 9.

Let's have everyone answer this one. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = easy, 10 = hard), how comfortable are you being genuine/transparent with others?

DISCIPLES

From the list of things in vv. 9-21, pick one or two of these you hope to receive this year in Gospel Community.

From the list of things in vv. 9-21, pick one or two of these you hope to give this year in Gospel Community and broader.

MISSION

Who may God be calling you to connect with to serve, invite over, or share the gospel with this year?

PRAY [15 minutes]

Wrap up the discussion 15 minutes before the end of the meeting to ensure there is space to pray.

Rather than sharing prayer requests, let's go straight to a time of prayer and ask God to work, bless, and move in our Gospel Community. Feel free to use the discussion or passage to prompt prayers.

CLOSING [1 minute]

- Share next meeting date/time/location.
- Depending on the host's desires, invite people to stay or encourage people to wrap up and head out by a certain time.