

OUR KEY PURPOSES

WEEK 2: GROWING IN CHRIST BY NURTURING ONE ANOTHER

1) If you could quickly and easily make a change in one or more of the following area, which would prefer...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Your income | <input type="checkbox"/> The income of someone else you know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your appearance | <input type="checkbox"/> The appearance of someone else you know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your weight/body image | <input type="checkbox"/> The weight/body image of someone else you know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your friends | <input type="checkbox"/> The friends of someone else you know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your family | <input type="checkbox"/> The family of someone else you know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your talents/abilities | <input type="checkbox"/> The talents/abilities of someone else you know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your status/influence | <input type="checkbox"/> The status/influence of someone else you know |

2) Discuss the choices that you made with your group.

3) Based on your answers, how comfortable are you “in your own skin?”

Read Matthew 28:18-20

4) If the singular purpose of the church is to “make disciples,” are there things that we do at GCC (or that churches in general tend to do), that fall outside of that purpose? If so, what are they? How could those activities be modified to contribute to the purpose of making disciples?

Read Ephesians 4:11-16

5) What does this passage tell us about one of the purposes that all churches (congregations) have? What observations can you make about what Paul is saying in these verses?

6) Read aloud together our second Key Purpose as a church:

Growing in Christ by Nurturing One Another

A key purpose of Gurnee Community Church is to encourage, equip, and minister to one another, regardless of where one is on their spiritual journey, as we grow to become mature disciples – developing a Christ-like character and an intimate relationship with God – through both shared and personal spiritual disciplines including worship, prayer, Bible study, community, evangelism, service and stewardship.

7) What are some examples of nurture-focused ministries or events you have observed or been involved with at GCC that fit this Key Purpose? What makes that ministry or event a good example of this Key Purpose? Are there ways that ministry could be improved to fit this Key Purpose even better?

8) Are there ministries you have observed or participated in that seemed to be out-of-sync with this Key Purpose? Why?

9) Where do you see yourself fitting into “Growing in Christ by Nurturing One Another” with respect to your OWN spiritual growth? Where do you see yourself fitting in with respect to your role in the growth of others?

10) Make a commitment to read through our second Key Purpose at least 5 times before the next time you meet as a group.

(Spend some time in prayer for one another)