



Week **Four.**

H.O.S.T. GUIDE

## Week Four.

PEOPLE TO DO LIFE WITH

# 04

### Meeting Agenda

#### Welcome (10 minutes)

Take Attendance on sheet provided in H.O.S.T. kit. If you are an established group, you can continue to take attendance via the attendance reminder email.

If you still need to pick up your shirts, you may do so at the Welcome Desk Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM-4:30 PM or at the Group Life Desk during any of our Sunday services. Please email [hdunlap@fairhaven.church](mailto:hdunlap@fairhaven.church) with any questions.

#### Ice Breaker (10 minutes)

Take a few minutes to have each group member answer the following question: *If you could eat only one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?*

#### Introduction (5-10 minutes)

Please take the next few minutes to read the introduction and answer the starter questions found on page 26 of the Participant Guide.

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### **Into the Word (25 minutes)**

Read through the Scripture passages and answer the questions on pages 27 and 28 of the Participant Guide.

For additional insight, refer to ***Into the Word H.O.S.T. Guidance*** on pages 4-7 of the Week Three H.O.S.T. Guide.

### **Application (25 minutes)**

As a group, read and discuss the application questions on page 29 of the Participant Guide.

### **Closing (10 minutes)**

Close out your time together by reading the Closing Prayer on page 30 of the Participant Guide.

Take a picture of your group with the caption “Better Together” and post it in your campus Facebook group. Your photo might be selected for an upcoming video.

Challenge your group to commit to pray the morning and evening prayer and journal a response each day this week. The prayers and journal space can be found on pages 31 and 32 of the Participant Guide.

# Into the Word.

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READ 2TIMOTHY 4:9-14

Paul mentions eight fellow disciples in just a few verses. What are some observations you can make from these verses about Paul's community?

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Paul was in community with many people. He knew them personally and had something to say about each one of them. Many of them were strategically important to his ministry and his mission. They had important roles. Paul was not a one-man operation. Yet even for Paul not every relationship produced good fruit. Evidently, Alexander, who was among the gathering believers, harmed Paul in some way. Personal offenses happen. Yet, Paul leaves judgment to God.

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**READ JESUS' PRAYER  
FOR THE CHURCH IN  
JOHN 17:20-23**

What is the “glory” mentioned in v.22? What does it mean for Jesus’ followers to be “perfectly one” and why is this so important to Jesus? What’s the intended outcome of people unified in doing life together?

**GUIDANCE**

The Greek word is “doxa” which means splendor, radiance, might or power. As Jesus bore the splendor and glory of the Father, so we as his followers also bear his splendor. This splendor from Jesus is a unifying element that can set us apart. It binds us together and causes us to recognize that unity is essential and holy. He desires that we would be perfectly one in our devotion to him and to each other. This unity is a powerful witness to those who are watching the quality of our love and our relationships.

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### READ ACTS 4:32-37

It's clear that the early disciples in Jerusalem were doing life together. What was it like to be a part of that gathering? How did they express their love for Jesus and each other? How did their commitment to each other become obvious to the people around them, and what was the result (Acts 5:12-13)?

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The early church was unified in their faith and love and the result was that they were overwhelmingly generous to one another. They made sure that each person was adequately cared for. They sensed the grace and goodness of God in all that they had experienced as a community. They saw God's power being poured out regularly and they did not take it for granted. They were motivated and inspired by great acts of self-sacrifice and generosity, and it encouraged each of them to participate as they were able.

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### READ HEBREWS 10:22-25

Notice the three “let us” statements. What are they? How are they related to each other? Why is the third statement so important to the first two? What are the benefits to us when we “meet together” (v.25) regularly?

### GUIDANCE

**1)** Let us draw near with a true heart. **2)** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope. **3)** Let us consider how to stir one another to love and good works. The first is personal (one’s own heart), the second is confessional (think Apostle’s Creed), and the last is relational. Three essential elements of the Christian life. There is power in community! What happens inside our heart flows outward. What happens in community flows inward. It’s within the relationships of the church that we are able to encourage one another to continue our walk with God. None of us will do this perfectly. Yet God uses our mutual imperfections to do something gracious and holy among us.

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