

## The Strength of 3

### Community

Life does not happen in a vacuum: life happens amidst relationships with others. From the beginning God said it is not good to be alone. We need each other for strength and support.

### Accountability

Few things would be accomplished in life without some degree of accountability. The New Testament lists at least twenty eight "one another" commands. We need each other in order to live out the life Christ intends for us.

### Confidentiality

It is easier to maintain confidentiality and achieve restoration in a group of two or three.

### Flexibility

It is easier to coordinate a group of three and they can meet anywhere.

### Reproduction

It is easier to reproduce a small group rather than a large, more controlled group. Groups do not grow larger than three, but if a fourth participant is added, we split into two groups and add ?



For more information about Trinity Community Church, our House Churches or our Groups of Three, Contact us:

Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not easily broken.  
Eccl. 4:12



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# The *Real WORK* of *Spiritual Growth*

## The Purpose

Groups of 3 encourage people to follow Christ and empower every believer to accomplish the work of reproducing spiritual disciples, who in turn reproduce others. The group members agree to meet regularly for spiritual growth and personal accountability.

## The Structure

- ▶ Gender Specific (3 men) or (3 women)
- ▶ Each Group Has a Leader
- ▶ The groups use either appointed curriculum or they simply read the appointed Bible passages or the sermon study each week. Groups also pray together.

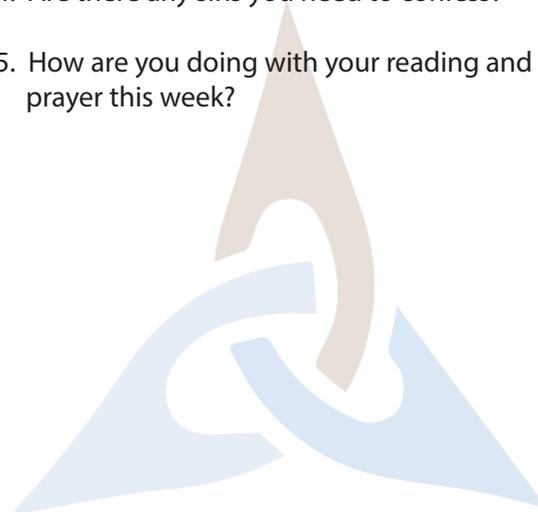
### *When groups come together, they:*

- ▶ Read the scripture in context and in community (Luke 8:11, 15).
- ▶ Pray for one another: support, accountability and confession of sins (Heb. 10:24-25).
- ▶ Engage in strategic prayer for souls (Eph. 1: 18-19).

## Character Building

Proverbs 27:17 says: "As iron sharpens iron, a friend sharpens a friend." Each time Groups of Three meet each group member answers the questions below. They are intended to stimulate conversation toward growth in a safe environment that values honesty, confidentiality, vulnerability and grace.

1. In what ways have you been a testimony to the greatness of Jesus in your words and deeds?
2. How have you experienced God in your life this week?
3. How are you responding to His promptings?
4. Are there any sins you need to confess?
5. How are you doing with your reading and prayer this week?



## Strategic Prayer Focus

Each member of the group is to identify 1 to 2 people for whom they are praying for salvation.

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Lord, I pray you will draw \_\_\_\_\_ to yourself (John 6:44).

I pray \_\_\_\_\_ will seek to know you (Acts 17:27).

I pray that you will convict \_\_\_\_\_ of sin and the need for redemption through Christ (John 16: 7-14).

I pray You prevent Satan from blinding \_\_\_\_\_ from the truth (2 Cor. 4:4; 2 Tim. 2:25-26).

I ask you to give me or someone else the courage and the right words to share Christ with \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 4:3-6).

I pray \_\_\_\_\_ will come to know you and bear fruit for Your kingdom (Rm. 10:9-10; Luke 8:15).