



COMMUNITY CURRICULUM GUIDE A New Resilience - Week 5 Community March 5, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alpha: Have questions about faith, life, and God? Alpha is a listening community designed to help participants explore questions in a non-judging space. This 11-week series begins **Thursday, March 9th**. Dinner is provided. [Find out more and register to attend here.](#)

Blanket & Pillow Drive: Donate new pillows & blankets to be given to senior adults in our community! Items can be dropped off on Sunday mornings in the lobby, or at the church office Monday-Thursday during regular business hours, **through Sunday, March 26th**. Questions? Email amanda@northridgenow.org.

Baptisms: We're hosting baptisms on **Easter Sunday, April 9th!** [Find out more and sign up here.](#) (There is a **required** pre-baptism class on **Sunday, March 26th** between services.)

Everyday Carry Men's Retreat: We're hosting a men's retreat at Camp Caraway on **April 14th & 15th.** [Find out more and register to attend here.](#)

For more information about our events, [check out / download our app!](#) (North Ridge Church Asheboro)

STUDY GUIDE:

OPENING ICEBREAKER ACTIVITY

Take a minute, as individuals, to pause and make a list of the good things that God did over the last 6 months. Maybe it was an experience you had. Maybe it was an area of growth that you wouldn't have expected or even wanted. Maybe it was a slow and steady kind of God's goodness that you learned not to take for granted. Set a timer for five minutes and think and pray on this. Then, afterward, share as you feel comfortable.

GETTING STARTED

Were there any disappointments or heartbreaks that you want to talk about? Looking back at it, do you think you have taken the time to process these tough moments with God yet?

Sometimes it's helpful to pause and look back, to reflect on what God might be doing. Sometimes God will give you a word, or a focus, or a goal. Do you have any sense what that might be for you as we enter the spring season?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **Ephesians 2:19-22**. *What stands out to you in these verses? What is God promising to do?*

Read **Acts 2:42-47**. *This was held up as an example verse this past weekend of the kinds of things the local church - the local family of God - commits itself to. Read these verses. What pops out to you?*

GETTING PERSONAL

Do you have a group of Christians who you'd say are as close as family in your life?

Author and pastor Tim Keller once wrote that "a good friend always lets you in and never lets you down."

The Bible calls us to a commitment to Christian community. *Knowing none of us can do this perfectly, what are ways you (and your community group) could be better at developing this kind of intimate, close family that Paul talks about in Philippians 2 in the coming months? List two practical steps.*

CLOSING

Pray for your group, this prayer inspired by Ephesians 4: *Christ our King, make us one, as you and the Father are one. Make us humble and gentle, patient, able to bear with one another in love. Help us to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Help us to live into and out of the reality that we are called to one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. In your name we pray, amen.*

Additional Resources:

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