

# CT Community Groups Study Guide

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## Icebreaker Question

### "Home Sweet Home"

- What is the longest that you have ever lived in one place? What made that place feel like home to you? Or:
  - Think about the place where you felt most "at home" growing up (this could be your family home, a grandparent's house, a friend's place, etc.). Share one specific memory or characteristic that made it special.
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**Key Quote:** *"Church is not an organization you join; it is a family where you belong, a home where you are loved, and a hospital where you find healing." - Nicky Gumble*

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## Discussion Questions

### Question 1: Family Belonging

**Romans 8:15-17** - *"So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, 'Abba, Father.' For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering."*

Many people view church as something they "attend" rather than somewhere they "belong." What's the difference between being a member of an organization versus being part of a family? How does understanding that God has "adopted us as his own children" change the way we should view our relationship with other believers?

*Consider: What fears or barriers might prevent someone from fully embracing their place in God's family?*

## Question 2: Creating a Home

**Ephesians 2:19-20** *“So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God’s holy people. You are members of God’s family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.”*

The sermon notes mention that "a house becomes a home when you belong; when it is yours and you move in and make it yours; you take ownership." In your own home, you clean up messes and organize things because you care about the space.

How can we apply this same principle to our church family? What does it look like to "take ownership" of our spiritual home rather than just being someone who shows up on Sunday? Share a practical example of how someone might demonstrate this kind of ownership.

*Consider: How can we help others feel at home in a diverse community like Calvary Temple?*

## Question 3: Healing Community

**James 5:14-16** *“Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.”*

This passage talks about confessing sins to each other, praying for one another, and finding healing through community. Many people struggle with being vulnerable and authentic in their relationships.

Why do you think God designed healing to often happen in community rather than just in private prayer? What would it take for our small group or church to become the kind of safe space where people can be honest about their struggles and find real healing?

*Share appropriately: Is there an area where you could use prayer and support from this group?*