

**Growth Questions for 8/28/11 – 9/4/11**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find most helpful, eye-opening, troubling?
2. Take time today to pray for our missionaries preparing for the short-term trip to India in October (AJ and Cheree Roberts, Amber Knuckles, Carrie Williams, Jamie Leatherman, and Micha McCutcheon. Ask God to provide for them, protect them, and use them to proclaim the Gospel to an unreached people.
3. How does the hearing stories of others who have experienced God's call encourage you to continue living obediently to God's call in your life? What are the next steps for your life as a believer? \
4. John 20:21 says "...as the Father has sent me [Jesus], even so I am sending you." In what ways did the Father send Jesus? In what ways are you sent? What are some practical ways for you to personally engage in this mission?

**Community Group Questions**

1. As a child, did you have a favorite story you liked to hear or that you liked to tell? What was it?
2. Briefly share your gospel story... when and how did you begin your faith journey with Jesus?
3. Acts 2:42 says "And they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Which of these four is your favorite? Which of these are you most comfortable using your gifts in?
4. What is your biggest fear about being a part of a community group? What are you hoping most to receive or to contribute to your community group?
5. Briefly share one of the most recent things that God has taught you?
6. Did you have a defining moment where you first realized that your faith demanded that you play an active role in the mission of the church?
7. Respond to the following "tweet": Heard you are in a community group. What's that?

**Important Dates**

- o 8/28/11 Community Groups Kick Off
- o 8/28/11 Mission Teams Reporting/Church Planting Announcement
- o 9/11/11 Financial Peace University Begins
- o 9/25/11 Next Steps w/C@M
- o 11/19/11 Operation Thanks!

**COMMUNITY GROUPS DEFINED**

A Community Group is a home fellowship made up of 10-15 people who meet every week to share, study and support one another. A leader leads each group. An average meeting lasts for an hour and a half, followed by light refreshments. They're the place where the real ministry of the church should take place as we study God's Word, while supporting and sharing our lives with one another.

Community Groups meet on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights in homes throughout Martinsburg. Visit [groups.martinsburgchurch.org](http://groups.martinsburgchurch.org) for more information.