

## Home Group Questions - February 10, 2019

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1. What kind of community did you grow up in? (rural, urban, suburban, etc.) What was the sense of community like in your community? (e.g. Did people talk to their neighbors? Did people get involved in the community? Did you see kids outside playing?)
2. In what ways do you form community with others in your life today?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-25 with your group.
  - In the Church of Corinth, they struggled with division in three ways. There were groups of people in the church that thought they were more valuable than others. They had people who felt like they didn't belong in the church (like they weren't good enough). And they had people just flat out not getting along in the church (quarrelling). In what ways does New Heights face the same challenges? (please do not make this a gossiping session)
  - In 12-20, Paul addresses those who feel like they may not belong in the Church or who don't feel like they have enough to offer. What is his message to them?
  - In 21-26, Paul addresses the other party, those who may feel like they are more important than others in the Church. What is his message to them?
  - When is it a temptation to fall into either of these two camps?
4. What challenges do we face at New Heights as we try to work towards unity and a sense of community?
5. What from this passage can we put into practice that would help us become a Church that focuses on unity and community?
6. Most of the members of our Spanish service are either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> generation immigrants. Many of them live hundreds or thousands of miles away from their families. So to them, the Church becomes family. How can we be more intentional about making them feel at home? How can we be more intentional about making sure they know they belong and are valuable members of our church?