

*This is a Discussion Guide based upon CRBC sermons. The questions provided below are for Home Group Leaders to utilize in facilitating discussions with their group. Home Group Leaders are encouraged to take these questions, re-arrange them, omit as required, add as required and change as required in order to best create a close Christian family that feels safe and secure to be open about their lives and their Christian walk. Please tailor as necessary based upon your leadership style and group dynamics.*

*I am not “married” to this product and I would love any critiques, questions, comments, etc... in order to make this product better for you and your group. Please feel free to email me (Michael Griffin) at [airforce\\_griffin@yahoo.com](mailto:airforce_griffin@yahoo.com)*

### **ICE BREAKER:**

### **SCRIPTURE:**

1 Corinthians 12: 14-27  
2 Corinthians 1:4  
Proverbs 14:4  
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12  
Malachi 3:10

### **QUESTIONS:**

- Paul says the church is like the body of Christ, what does that mean to you?
- Read Proverbs 14:4, what does this mean to you? *(I read this verse in two ways. First as a family, when you are single, life is orderly, but when you get married and have children, life gets messy but through family we grow the Christian family. Same goes for the church. When we sit on the sidelines, life is orderly. However, when we engage and get involved in church we are dealing with broken people and all that entails. It can be really messy but it also produces “crops.”)*
- Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, what does this mean to you? How does it apply to Pastor Rick’s message?
- Why do you attend church?
- Why does serving in the church (whatever role that may be) help you to grow spiritually?
- How many of you have been wounded by “church” when you were serving? What happened?
- As a male and a member of the military, I have seen this truth: Bonds are created when two or more people work together towards a common goal. The shared hardships create a lasting bond that often goes deeper than blood. Have you ever experienced this? Would you like to experience this? Can this be found within the body of Christ?

How? If we know this truth, and desire these sorts of relationships, then what keeps us from getting involved?

- Where are you? Are you growing, healing, exploring or watching (from Pastor Rick's message)?
- Share experiences that reveal how being part of a body of "Christ" (e.g. Connect Groups, Life Groups, Sunday School, whatever you call it) has made an impact in your life?  
*Leaders, encourage your people to be specific in this area.*
- Have you ever been part of a Mission Trip? What was that like? Why do we assume that Mission Trips have to be to Africa, Asia or South America? Why cannot they not be in your community, Oklahoma City or any other place near by?
- Pastor Rick said, "Begin Giving." We always associate that with money? What else can this be? Why do we cringe when we hear a sermon that asks us to give, especially when it comes to money?
- Read Malachi 3:10, this is the only place in Scripture that God says, "test Me." God says, "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need." Does blessing mean "money" that God will make you rich if you tithe? What does it mean?
- Have you ever shared your faith with someone? What was that like, was it hard, were you scared, worried? What keeps you from sharing your faith?
- Everyone has different strengths and weaknesses and when we come together as the body of Christ we use our strengths to make the body stronger and allow others and their strengths to overcome our weaknesses. What are your strengths and how can you use them to serve the body of Christ?
- Pastor Rick said that the greatest need at CRBC is teachers. Have you ever considered teaching a class? What barriers prevent you from entering this role? My wife and I teach both an adult class and a kids' class. I thoroughly enjoy the adult class, it dovetails nicely with my interests and strengths. The kids' class is different. It is loud, it is noisy, it is chaotic (we routinely have 50+ kids every Sunday in the class) but it is also the most rewarding. This is a shameless plug for the kids' ministry, imagine if we had enough teachers so that class sizes were smaller, 15-20. How much more effective might that ministry be? Imagine if there were enough teachers so that you could alternate with another couple every Sunday (we do this in our kids' class and it makes a huge difference).
- Pastor Rick identified that there are many needs at CRBC. Is there any that interest you? Have you identified an area that you are willing to step into?
- Have you ever discipled someone? What does this look like? Have you ever been disciple, what was that like? *Leaders, by discipling I mean walking along side someone newer in the faith than you and helping them to grow in his or her Christian walk and the by product is that you will grow as well!*