

MEFC Community Group Study Questions
For the week of September 9th - 15th

Open Your Bible to Romans 15:14...

1. How is competence (able to instruct) connected to, or dependent on, character (full of goodness) and conviction (filled with all knowledge)?

Character:

2. What does Romans 8:1-17 teach about the character of Christians? What is the potential of a Christian? What contrast does Paul make? Paul uses the frequent methodology of teaching imperatives (what we do) that are grounded in the indicatives (who we are). What is the identity of every Christian? How then are we to live?

3. Do you look like your Maker? What evidence do you see in your life of the fruit of the Spirit? Give thanks to God. What fruit of the Spirit is sparse in your life? Pray for one-another that you would walk by the Spirit to bear more of such fruit.

Conviction:

4. Look at the Evangelical Free Church Statement of Faith (copies at moundfree.org or search online). How would you explain each of these doctrinal convictions to someone else? What doctrines do you need help understanding? The elders welcome questions if you'd like to know more!

5. Practice telling the basic story of Scripture – God, Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration.

Competence:

6. Think about how another believer at Mound Free has built you up in the last few weeks by speaking truth in love to you. Now is a chance for you to speak truth in love in return. Give thanks to them. How do you plan to encourage that person in their faith?

7. God's counselors move towards people who struggle with the human problems of both sin and suffering. Do you find it easier to relate to people as they struggle with the hardships of life?...or...Do you find it easier to see and point out sin, as well as correct it in other's lives? What are ways that you could mature at both speaking comfort to sufferers and direction to sinners?

Community:

8. How has your communion with God been lately? What have you been learning as you listen to him through reading the Scripture? What things in your life do you need to hear from him about? What have you been saying to him in prayer? What things in your life should you talk to him about? What songs of praise have you been singing to him of late?

9. What other believers are involved in your life? Do you regularly speak into each other's lives? Do you ask how things are going, both physically and spiritually, and pray for each other? What areas do you need to be exhorted in – so as to not fall prey to the deceitfulness of sin? Do you know what areas to exhort them in?