



# THE CIRCLE OF LOVE

FLOURISHING IN EXILE

Week 5 | May 17 Sermon

## Community:

My encouragement to you this week for the sake of your community growth with one another is to continue being open, honest and vulnerable with one another. Or perhaps the reality is that still needs to start! That's okay! We all have to start somewhere. I believe the Lord smiles upon our willingness to open up to others within His Circle of Love. I bless you to do that with one another this week by sharing story and answering Kevin's questions and each other's questions with honesty and openness to one another.

Another way to grow in vulnerability and openness with each other is to pray together, as Kevin shared. Prayer is something that everyone, no matter where they are in their spiritual journey, can do! Leaders, if your groupies are uncomfortable praying out loud together, consider ways that you can help grow their prayer muscles this week. Some ideas that I have used in the past with success include:

Everyone prays for one request for the person to their right. It helps give focus to the prayer and keeps each person's prayer time fairly brief.

This next one might seem silly for adults, but it worked great with my middle school girls! To help them get comfortable with their voices being heard, we would all pray out loud at the same time. No one could hear each other's prayers, but we know God could! It was a great reminder of His ability to hear all of us all at the same time. As the comfort level grew, we moved into praying one at a time so that we could also hear each other's voices.

How ever you choose to do it, I am confident you will experience growth as you pray together.

## Sermon Discussion Questions:

Teacher: Kevin Korver

Why should I expect that a "mutual indwelling" with the Trinity will enhance/enrich a "mutual indwelling" with others? How might you grow in this?

How could praying aloud with another enrich our "mutual indwelling?" With whom could you share a prayer appointment this week?