



FOLLOWERS NOT FANS

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP:

Groups are essential to finding authentic community and spiritual growth. A group is where you are “known” and you grow. It’s as simple as ABC: Accountability, Belonging and Care.

YOUR PERSONAL ROLE:

Listen to the weekend message (at church or online). Show up consistently for group meetings. Be authentic while in the group meeting. *CONSISTENCY + AUTHENTICITY = COMMUNITY* (What we are all longing for)

CHECKING IN QUESTION:

What is a skill, talent or ability you have that you don’t typically tell others about? (We asked this question one time and found out we have a tap-dancer in our church! Who knew?)

Big Idea: Following Jesus isn’t about sitting on the sidelines as a spectator—it’s about getting in the game. The Church isn’t just a place to consume spiritual content; it’s a team God has assembled to transform lives and communities. Jesus modeled this by showing that true fulfillment doesn’t come from focusing on ourselves but from serving others. Each of us has been given gifts to use, and when we embrace our role as contributors rather than consumers, we become part of something bigger than ourselves—the hope of the world.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT:

1. During the message, Shayne highlighted how our culture has become consumer-driven, even in the church. How have you seen the Burger King, “Have it your way” mentality influence people’s approach to faith and church involvement??
2. Jesus told His disciples this: **Read [John 4:34](#)**). How does serving others spiritually nourish us in a way that self-focus never can??
3. The message explained different reasons people are on the sidelines—resting, healing, or benched for poor performance. Have you ever felt like you were “on the sidelines” in your faith? What helped you get back in the game?
4. Romans 12 lists different gifts, from serving and teaching to leading and encouraging. Which of these do you see in yourself? How can you use your gift to make a difference in and through the church? **Read [Romans 12:6-8](#)**
5. **The Church does not exist for us—we are the Church, and we exist to reach the world.** How does shifting from a “What can the church do for me?” mindset to a “How can I serve?” mindset change the way we experience faith and community?
6. What’s one step you can take this week to move further away from being a spectator to a participant in what God is doing through His Church? What is your next right step?

HOW CAN THE GROUP PRAY FOR YOU THIS WEEK?