



**Knox Presbyterian Church
Small Group Discussion Questions
Better Together
Week of September 18th**

Get To Know Each Other

To get started, make sure you everyone knows each other.

- If you are a group that's met together before. If so, spend some time catching up and welcoming any new faces. You might share a high and a low of the last few months.
- Some of you may be meeting as a group for the first time. If so, introduce yourselves and share a bit about how you wound up at Knox.

Read Scripture

Pull out your Bibles or Bible App on your phones and read together:

- 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 (The Message) and Luke 15:1-32
- Share with each other what parts stands out to you, what grabs your attention in these passages

Group Discussion Questions

Becca makes three points in her sermon about being claimed by Christ together.

[Link to Sermon](#)

1. The first one is that 'being claimed by Christ together is necessary.' (She alludes to the words of Genesis 2.18 to flesh out this idea; look up that passage to learn more about the inherently relational nature of humanity.)

Being a Christian is not an activity for Lone Rangers, do-it-myself-ers, or stand-alone virtuosos. It is a community endeavor.

- What do you make of this?
- How do you think it relates to our culture, in which people often have faith in God or a higher power but are wary of participating in church?

2. Becca's second point is that 'being claimed by Christ together is difficult.'

- Why is Christian community often difficult?

American culture in 2022 is often very polarized, divided along a variety of different lines and sorted into camps of 'us' vs. 'them.'

- How are Christians called to respond to this sort of polarization within the church?

3. Becca's third point is that 'being claimed by Christ together is good.' Being part of a community is both necessary and challenging—but it is not something to simply be tolerated with gritted teeth. It is a gift and a joy as well.

- What are the blessings that come to us through involvement in Christian community (whether small groups or participation in the church more generally)?
- Where do you see God at work in the Knox Presbyterian community?

Action

Knox's vision is to be a place of deep, authentic Christian community.

- What's one way you can press into that vision this week?

This might be a quick phone call or a coffee date with a friend, inviting someone new to worship or small group, or reaching out to someone who's not part of our church with an invitation or an act of service.

- What's one thing you can do this week to be claimed by Christ with others? Pray about it and act on it this week.

Closing Prayer

Share joys and concerns as a group and close in prayer together

