STAR Rhythms
... a life of living out the STAR focus

Service
I serve by blessing three people or communities with justice, kindness and sharing the gospel story.

Text
I read and reflect on the text, sharing what I have discovered with another person.

Authenticity
I use my God-given strengths and talents to transform lives and communities in three ways.

Recovery
I tell God about the fractures in my life and seek healing, I confess my sins to God and accept his forgiveness.

Community
I engage deeply in the weekly worship service in song, prayer, the offering, and listening to the word so that I can apply it to my life.

Prayer
I pray for the world, my community, and my own needs. I pray to praise and honor God.

STAR Rhythms: Small Group

Check-In and Growth
(This may work best in groups of three)

- What person or communities did you serve this week?
  - What did you learn, or what questions do you have from carrying out this practice?
- What did you learn from studying the Text this week?
- How did you use your gifts and strengths this week?
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- What did you experience this week as you told God about the fractures in your life, confessed your sins, and accepted his forgiveness?
- How did you pray this week in a way that reflects the needs of those close and those far away?
  - What did you learn, or what questions do you have from carrying out these practices?
- Did you attend and engage in worship this week?
  - What keeps you from attending and engaging in worship?
  - What did you learn, or what questions do you have about being engaged in worship?
Pathways: Small Group

We learn and grow in community. Jesus had “disciples,” not a single disciple. Over three years, they worked and studied, argued and cared for each other, prayed with and listened to Jesus. In the New Testament, this emphasis on community continues with multiple calls to love one another, honor one another, care for one another, and more. “Pathways: Small Group” helps us live in this world of community. Using both text (Scripture) and questions, it takes small groups on a journey of exploring how to live as a community of passionate followers of Jesus.

**QUESTION TO BUILD COMMUNITY**
What Easter candy did you eat this year?

**QUESTIONS**
Romans 5:1-5

- On Sunday, we heard testimonies around three questions (below). Talk in your small group about the following:
  - What was something that was dead in your life?
  - How did you encounter Jesus in that time?
  - How did he resurrect your life?

- Pause for a time of prayer of thanksgiving for God’s work. Pause for a time of prayer for God to bring resurrection for those going through difficult times.

- Read Ephesians 1:1-6
  - What does it mean to you that you are an adopted child of God?
  - What do you find in this passage that comes to you because you are an adopted child of God?
  - Verse 6 tells us what it cost God to adopt us. How do you respond to God’s willingness to pay this price?

From Sunday’s Message

- Pastor Larry said, “When we encounter the wisdom of God, the love of God, the hope of God – when we are slammed to the ground by the wonder of who God is, then we think, “How could I not want to live in his ways? How could I not want to live as a playful, joyous child of the king?”

  - How have you encountered...
    - the wisdom of God?
    - the love of God?
    - the hope of God?

  - Has this encounter made you want to live as a playful, joyous child of the king? Why or why not?

Closing Reflections

- What three ideas did you learn about God in Sunday’s message?

- What is something that squared or agreed with your thinking?

- What is something still circling in your head that you want to know about from the message?