



## THE HEART BEHIND ASSESSMENT

Welcome to The Austin Stone's Quarterly Missional Community Assessment! Before you begin, we want to take a moment to explain the heart behind this assessment.

### WHY DO WE DO ASSESSMENT?

There are two primary reasons that we want you to assess your group on an ongoing basis: so we can know how to better equip you to lead, and so that we can continue to strive together to more faithfully make disciples.

In the same way annual partnership renewal is an opportunity to both reflect on God's grace in our lives to obey and to seek repentance for where we have fallen short, so too it is helpful to have a set of things to examine our own hearts and calling to lead.

Toward that end, this assessment is not a "checklist of righteousness", but an opportunity to remind ourselves what God has called us to and how we can more fully depend on His grace to accomplish the vision he has given us. I pray that it is a tool that encourages you!

### WHAT IS A MISSIONAL COMMUNITY?

Before we assess the specifics of a group, let's remind ourselves what a missional community is:

A missional community is a community of Christ followers on mission with God in obedience to the Holy Spirit that demonstrates and declares the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a specific pocket of people.

As we've prayed and thought through this vision for our communities, there are a few patterns and practices that are essential to living this out as a community, both to one another and to those outside our communities:

***Word – Being a people committed to the Word of God***

***Prayer – Being a people who commune with the Lord regularly***

***Demonstrates – Being a people committed to meeting needs through the power of the gospel***

***Declare – Being a people who consistently speak of the good news of Jesus***

The questions that follow are simply the practical outworking of those values with respect to the vision that we have.

### WORD

*Some diagnostic questions regarding your group and how you are engaging God's word.*

1. Over the past quarter, how has your group been engaging the word of God together (REAP, Curriculum, Studying a particular book, sermon-discussion, etc.)?
2. How is what you are studying in Scripture as a community being applied into your practices as a community?
3. What would you estimate is the percentages of your group members are engaging the word personally on a consistent basis?
  - 0 to 25%
  - 25 to 50%
  - 50 to 75%
  - 75 to 100%

## PRAYER

*Some diagnostic questions for understanding the prayer life of your group.*

1. How often does your group pray for unbelieving friends together?
  - Every time we gather
  - Consistently
  - Sometimes
  - Infrequently
  - Never
2. How comfortable are the members of your group sharing with and praying for one another?
  - Open and honest communication, no barriers to sharing/praying
  - Some rejoicing together and confession of sin, consistent prayer
  - Sharing surface level needs and prayer
  - Not open to sharing/praying
3. How has God answered the prayers of your group? Be specific!

## DEMONSTRATE

*Some diagnostic questions for understanding how your group is meeting needs.*

1. How have you met the needs of one another in the group (Acts 2:45)? Share a story!
2. What are some needs of the people your group is trying to make disciples of, and how are you going about meeting them?
3. How is your group involved in serving the poor, the orphan and the widow (James 1:27) Check all that apply.
  - This is our primary mission as a group
  - We are serving monthly
  - Individuals in our group are serving, but we are not serving together
  - We are having difficulty finding opportunities
  - This is outside the scope of our group
  - I don't feel equipped to lead in this way
  - I don't know

## DECLARE

*Some diagnostics to understand how your group is doing in sharing the good news of Jesus with others.*

1. Describe how sin is being dealt with in your community? If sin is being addressed, describe some of the results.
2. What are some names of people who don't know Jesus that are interacting with your community?
3. How often do you think the members of your group share the gospel with those who don't know Jesus?
  - Daily
  - Weekly
  - Monthly
  - Infrequently
  - Never
  - I honestly don't know

## LEADERSHIP AND MULTIPLICATION

*Some diagnostics for your group's health in leadership and multiplication.*

1. How are you sharing leadership in your group?
  - I don't share leadership
  - Some responsibilities are being delegated
  - Specific individuals have specific responsibilities and ownership
  - We do not have clear leadership
2. What are the names of potential leaders in your M/C? Why do you think they are potential leaders?
3. What are potential opportunities for your group to multiply? Do you see new opportunities for mission or people with a different vision that you can send from your group? When do you think it would be healthy for your group to multiply?

## STORIES AND FEEDBACK

1. Are there any stories from your group that you'd like to share? We'd love to hear them!
2. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?