

## **January 22 Season of Growth Meeting Notes**

Through the course of the night people expressed things in their lives that had changed and what they love about Engage.

### **Things that have changed**

- Deeper faith
- Learning to really love people
- Vulnerable community where change/ healing can happen

### **Things I love**

- The people
- The realness
- Being a part of Engage
- Grounding of Community- safety net when things fall apart
- Get to be a part of a community and be fed
- Authenticity

### **Discussing the Season/ Change – These are desires people expressed to see happen at Engage Year 3.**

- People liked that we have a clear plan in hand for a Season of Growth
- Spreading the “plan” to those on the fence
- Casual smaller groups- funstuff
- Exciting to see shared passions gel and impact
- Multiplying ourselves
- Intentional connecting on Sundays
- Organization

### **Ideas to Explore/ Dream**

- More involvement in the Community
- Separate fund for people that need immediate help in the community.
- Get a list for what people do, to help with certain things
- Birthday Cards, kids @ shelters (small parties)
- Have a change bucket @ community groups
- Have a better connection board
- Have a women’s prayer group

- Sunday AM visits to Project Share
- Need a project coordinator to help with our efforts in the community.
- Ministry fair to highlight ways for people to get involved.
- Need to find a way for Diversity/ to grow the 40+ age group / and socio-economic / ethnic diversity.
- Instead of explaining the front porch idea to newcomers, why not use the living room analogy about meeting the family?
- Look at alternative times to meet in a rental space to save money
- Are we providing an inviting atmosphere, we aid in the first few months but it's harder to get people connected after the first few months. We need to improve on this.
- Greeting/ passing the basket/ Giving should be a lifestyle
- Continued improved communication about changes/ development at Engage
- Personal gatherings to discuss what's going on at Engage, this fosters community
- "For this church to thrive Community groups need to be more "up here" and Sunday mornings need to be more "down here".
- We need to keep the focus that Sunday Morning is just one aspect of Church and is not enough for us to find transformation in Christ and impact the community.
- We recognize the tension between having a pastor/ leadership team and also needing to grow and make decisions in small communities
- More themed/ focused bible groups
- Tax return pledge drive for raising funds.
- Community yard Sale to raise money.