

Spring 2022 Missional Community Calendar

Becoming like Jesus: Dealing With Our Past

<u>Week of</u>	Activity	<u>Week of</u>	Activity
1/2	Wreck the Halls, 4pm	3/6 - 3/12	Discussion: P4 Debrief
1/9 - 1/15	MC Party & Calendar	3/13 - 3/19	Recreation+
1/16 - 1/22	Practice 1	3/20 - 3/26	Practice 5
1/23	Potluck & Member Meeting	3/27 - 4/2	Recreation+
1/23 - 1/29	Recreation+	4/3 -4/9	Off (optional rec)
1/30 - 2/5	Practice 2	4/10-4/16	Off (optional rec)
2/6 - 2/12	Practice 3	4/17-4/23	Recreation
2/13	MC Super Bowl Party	4/17	Easter Sunday
2/19	Envision One Day	4/24-4/30	Practice 6
2/20 - 2/26	Off (optional rec)		
3/5	Spring Workshop: P4 9a-1p		

Practices: (1) overview; (2) generational sin; (3) relational patterns; (4) narrative scripts; (5) generational blessing; (6) Jesus and our memories.

DISCUSSION & PRACTICE

Discussion and Practice guides (PDF) as well as video prompts for each practice *will be* accessible online. The general structure for these guides will vary slightly each week, but for the most part will follow a similar pattern: prayer → *debrief previous week exercises* → *video prompt for upcoming exercises* → *discussion* → *prayer*. *Participant guides, video prompts and the genogram workbook will be accessible at www.redemptionchurchga.com/mcguides.*

RECREATION+

Some weeks your group will simply hang out and spend time together over a meal. Other weeks you might end up playing games or going on an outing together. Either way, we will provide leaders with a few “*as you go*” questions to help your group avoid major voids between practice weeks and to help keep conversation alive and meaningful. These questions along with some of our favorite group activities will also be posted on the website and can be accessed at any time.

THE NEXT PAGE CONTAINS A LIST OF MC'S, WHEN THEY MEET, & CONTACTS

MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES

<u>MC Name</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Contact Name</u>	<u>Contact #</u>
North Augusta	Rotates Houses (North Augusta, SC)	Every Other Friday 6:00pm	Nathan & Emily Roberts	205-242-4058
Grovetown	The Odom's (Martinez)	Sunday's, 6:00pm	Eric & Jayme Odom	706-664-3396
			Stephanie Cathcart	762-218-7260
Central	The Cathcart's (Summerville Area)	Sunday's 5:30pm	Ashley Dickerson	478-972-1664
			Brent Skelley	706-339-9557
Downtown	Rotates Houses (Downtown Augusta)	Wednesday's 6:00pm	Eliza Mosby	706-414-9044
			Becca Todd	706-726-3871

SPRING OVERVIEW

Last Fall we intentionally built our rhythms as a church around investing in and cultivating the most crucial component of our apprenticeship to Jesus: “being with Jesus”. Together we intentionally practiced silence and solitude, abiding in Jesus, casting our cares on Jesus, and reading the Bible for transformation. As we enter the new year and transition to the Spring “semester” we don’t want to leave those practices, but build upon them. So we will be making space and implementing rhythms to help us in another significant component in our apprenticeship to Jesus: becoming like Jesus.

Whether we care to admit it or not, our lives have been significantly shaped by external influences: family, friends, school, church, culture etc.... For most of us the greatest shaping influence on our life has been our family of origin. And no matter how healthy or unhealthy our families and childhood experiences have been, at some level every family experience involves function and dysfunction (health and unhealth). As a result each of us has inherited ways of thinking and living from our family of origin and culture that are out of sync with the way of Jesus. Our hope for the Spring is that 1) God would be glorified as 2) The Holy Spirit uses the season to shape and form us in a way that we become more like Jesus, and 3) that we would experience greater wholeness, joy and freedom in Christ as we deal with our past with both honor and honesty. See the topics below:

Generational Sin: Every family is dysfunctional. We all have some kind of “emotional baggage” that we carry from our past.

Relational Patterns: As we press into our past, we discover patterns in our family of origin that have great influence in our lives.

***Narrative Scripts (workshop):** We all have messages from our life that inform our behavior, altering how we see the world around us.

Generational Blessing: We must identify the patterns we inherited from our family of origin and decide which patterns to stop, start, and continue.

Healing of Memories: Memories are powerful. But what do you do with memories of pain or trauma? How do you redeem the past?

How will this impact missional communities? Our missional community will continue to gather weekly for practice/discussion or recreation, and with the larger church family to serve together or for recreation.

One difference, aside from content, is that practice weeks will rely on individuals completing exercises outside of the gathering - the practice week gatherings as an MC will largely function to debrief the exercises together and discuss/overview the upcoming exercises. (Weekly Pattern: Eat/Announcements/ Pray; Debrief; Preview Practice; Pray * *Some weeks we may split into smaller groups for debrief*)

The other difference is that to get the most out of the practices for everyone involved will require faithful and consistent participation and engagement. For this reason we are asking individuals in each MC to “opt-in” and commit fully to the exercises and practice week discussions in order to participate in them. In other words, the practice weeks will function like a closed course facilitated by each missional community. While we would love to see everyone participate and believe there is great benefit to doing so, we understand some may not be comfortable participating this time around - and that is ok - you will still very much be a part of the life of the missional community! The practices will only make up 5 of 20 MC gatherings. (show calendar)