

# COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

## TAHOMA CHURCH JOINT SERVICES

*May 22, 2022 at RVCC Parkland + May 29, 2022 at RVCC Graham*

1. Our church experiences are often made up of predominately one culture or ethnicity. That's why we want to create ongoing experiences at RVCC where we can interact more broadly beyond our own cultures and ethnicities. Why is that important?
2. What are the ways our faith might be deepened if we continue to build relationships, and share experiences, with those who are different from us ethnically?

### **Read Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 2:11-17.**

We see clearly that God desires for all people and ethnicities to be reached with his love – and find *reconciliation and fellowship together*. The Jews and Gentiles were divided along *ethnic* lines and Paul is explicitly calling this out as having no place in the church.

3. What factors have you experienced that lead to churches being homogenous (predominately only one ethnicity) most often?
4. What are the barriers to a church reflecting the diversity of the communities around them?
5. What emotions get stirred up for you around this discussion? Where do those feelings come from?

### **Read John 4:1-10.**

Jesus models intentionally engaging with someone different from him by ethnicity (Jewish people and Gentiles hated each other mostly), by class, by background and by experience. Jesus engages with those who are different from him constantly.

6. How can we continue to be intentional about our church reflecting our community? What can you emulate about Jesus from John 4 considering this discussion?
7. What do you think God wants to teach or remind you as a result of participating this joint service together with Tahoma Church?



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## OLD HABITS NEW LIFE Message Series

How Can You Take an Entire Day to Rest Once a Week?

*For the week of May 22, 2022*

1. If you had a fuel gauge that measured your level of feeling rested and renewed over the last few months, where would the gauge read right now?
2. What is currently causing you to feel drained?

### **Read Exodus 20:8-11 and Genesis 2:1-2.**

3. Does it surprise you that taking a sabbath – a day to rest from work, and worship once a week – makes it on the same list as “do not murder” and “do not steal?” Why or why not?
4. What would shift or change in your life if you started taking one day off, purely to rest, and engage in pursuing and worshiping God?
5. Taking a day to rest, we all get that sounds good, but why is gathering to worship intended to be part of that Sabbath rest?

### **Read Mark 2:23-28.**

6. What are the observations you notice between the difference in how the Pharisees and Jesus viewed and treated the Sabbath?

### **Read Mark 3:1-6.**

7. The Sabbath is about the renewing and restoration of life. Where are you most needing that in your own life right now?
8. What is keeping you from engaging with this as a regular rhythm in your life?
9. In the message the idea was shared: If you work with your hands, rest with your mind. if you work with your mind, rest with your hands. What are the things you can do or engage with on the Sabbath that provide rest and renewal?

**Close by reading Matthew 11:28-30 and then praying this for your group after sharing prayer requests together.**



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