

Faith Story; Community Connection Focus Group

End of Summer 2022

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Please note that this focus group is intended to be experimental in its framework and will be focused on bringing “us” to a community that needs us - through the already active lives and experiences of our congregation.

Background: Conversation began in late Spring over what subject matter would be interesting and valuable for the congregation. The facts are that it has seemed to be difficult to provide valuable content that matches a high interest in our congregation. The idea of having people share their faith stories bubbled to the surface in late May. In June this thought connected to our conversation of the involvement of our congregation in the community of Williamsport.

Purpose: From this thought process we desire to have the people of our congregation share intimately in this focus group part of their faith journey. If you are involved with the community in some sort of activity. We will use this experience to drive the conversation of your faith journey.

Format: This will be an interactive endeavor in which Dale will attempt to model a format of a facilitator using a question answer format. This format minimizes the pressure of having to prepare a lesson plan. It should also be a mentoring model of how to lead others to share their story through an interactive conversation.

Typical Questions:

How long have you lived in the Williamsport area?

Did God give direction in this?

Do you see any strengths or needs in Williamsport?

How long have you been a Jesus follower / Christian?

Childhood?

Church connections?

Are you involved with others in our community (outside of Agape)? Yes

Listing of Community connections

Community Connection Questions:

What is your passion behind your involvement with these people?

Tell us about a difficult situation that you were in because you were helping someone.

Tell about a time when you were greatly rewarded because of what you did to help someone?

Other stories?

What do you do to help yourself maintain your soul from the drain of ministry?

Would you encourage others to be involved in a ministry similar to this one?

How would they pursue this?