Group Habits **NOVEMBER – Community**

Community isn't about creating a perfect Thanksgiving or adding another activity to your schedule. It's about being intentional with the people God has placed around you.

Here are some simple ideas for implementing the habit of COMMUNITY at your Thanksgiving gathering with family or friends.

Family Bible Time
Nothing replaces opening God's Word together as a family. Read a short passage together, ask a question ("What does this tell us about God?" or "What does this tell us about thankfulness?"), and pray. That's it.

Scripture Memory Challenges
Pick a verse and work together to memorize it. Write it on index cards. Post it on the fridge. Quiz each other at dinner. Celebrate when someone memorizes it. Consider these verses about thankfulness: Philippians 4:6, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Psalms 100:4, Psalm 107:1

Take a Walk
After the big meal, walk around your neighborhood. Pray for the families in each house you pass. Pray for your schools, church, your city. Something powerful happens when you take faith outside your home. Creation itself is one of God's loudest sermons!

Thanksgiving gatherings that include children, may enjoy the following ideas:

Bible Story Reenactments
Kids remember what they *experience*. Let your children act out stories like the ones listed below. Grab some bath towels for costumes and a cardboard sword!

- Parable of the Lost Coin: Luke 15:8-10
- The Ten Lepers: Luke 17:11-19
- Daniel in the Lion's Den: Daniel 6

Creation Scavenger Hunts
Make a list: find something God made that's red, something that makes a sound, something tiny, something enormous. Each discovery becomes a conversation about giving thanks for God's creativity and care.

Intergenerational Game
Invite guests around your table to play Bible trivia. Share testimonies between rounds. Children will witness faith lived out by multiple generations. Your dining table or living room can be that sacred space!

This Thanksgiving, let the conversations be meaningful, the table be welcoming, the prayers be genuine, and the love of Christ be evident in the way you care for one another.