## GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

Have you ever been caught off guard and physically knocked down? What happened?

## **PRAYER**

Spend some time in prayer for each other.

#### **HELPFUL BACKGROUND**

**The Vision: To grow healthy.** Paul describes maturity as growing into the likeness of Christ, marked by the stability to stand against the waves. Our vision is to grow healthy: to have momentum without compromising maturity.

#### The Path:

**Bowing** before God in regular worship. Bowing in worship means regularly gathering with the church to honor God and realign our hearts to His truth and presence.

**Bonding** with others in discipleship. Bonding refers to forming intentional, honest relationships where we practice the "one another" commands and grow together.

**Building** the kingdom using your God given gifts and abilities. Every believer has a role in building the church; spiritual maturity includes actively using your gifts to serve and strengthen the body.

#### **KEY OBSERVATION QUESTIONS**

Read Ephesians 4:11-16

- 1. What is the aim of belonging to the body of Christ in verse 13?
- 2. How does Paul describe the danger of remaining immature in verse 14?
- 3. What does it mean to "grow up in every way into Him who is the Head" (v. 15)?
- 4. What kind of relationships do you think Paul envisioned in Ephesians 4 when he talked about the body being "joined and held together"?

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- 1. What makes bowing, bonding, and building essential to a strong faith?
- 2. Who do you know that has been a faithful "triple threat"? Someone you have seen stand firm through crashing waves?
- 3. What did God reveal to you during the assessment? Is there one leg of the "stool" (Bow, Bond, Build) that's missing or weaker in your life?
- 4. For each (Bowing, bonding, and building) discuss the following questions.
  - a. What is it? What does a healthy version look like?
  - b. How are these opportunities for stability in your faith and not obligations?
  - c. Whether past or present, what belief has prevented you from participating?
  - d. What is a next step you can make to grow in these areas?
- 5. How prepared do you feel for the next wave?
- 6. What does healthy growth for you look like? Why is that important?

# ACCOUNTABILITY Q&A

How are you feeding your soul?

How are you feeding your flesh?

How are you feeding others?

# **GET INVOLVED!**

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