



**Making Room**  
**Various Bible passages**  
**Week of February 2, 2020**  
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**Objective of this study:** To learn from Jesus how to make room for him and for people..

[Remember, the main goal of each Growth Group is to allow God's Word to change your heart so that others would see Jesus in you and be likewise changed to be like him. He wants to change the world through us.]

**Worship (5 – 10 minutes)**

1. Sing a song or two of praise and thanksgiving to God.
2. Spend five minutes in silence asking God to prepare your heart for hearing his word. After the silence, have someone read **Psalm 23 (yes, again :)** meditatively to the group. Pause after each phrase letting God speak to you. **Did anything "jump out at you"?**

**Welcome question**

What are some memories you have of people 'making room' for you?

[It's really important when doing this study that we each think about ourselves specifically and ways we need to grow, not how Christians in general need to grow. Do the hard work of letting the Holy Spirit speak to *your* heart.]

**Word/Work (60-90 minutes)**

1. What stood out from the sermon?
2. Read Matthew 11:28-30. What comes to your mind when you hear the words 'weary and heavy burdened'? Can you relate?
3. Also related to Matthew 11:28-30, what comes to your mind when you hear the words from Jesus, "Come to me"?
4. Read Luke 10:38-42. In what ways can you identify with Martha or Mary?
5. Read Mark 9:33-37. In what ways can you identify with what's going on in this story?
6. **Sermon quote:** "We have it backwards. We don't make room by creating the best environments, with the tidiest houses, or the most income, or the most hours worked." ... "Making room for anything, first means ridding our hearts of the clutter that fills it." .... "What do I mean by hustle culture? I mean the culture that pushes oneself ... to be at the top, to win, to be all things." ... "With the rise of social media and electronics, we can now compare ourselves on every level of our lives to everyone else."
7. How do you experience 'hustle culture' in your life? What are some things you that clutter your heart?
8. Read Matthew 18:14. How do Jesus' words here apply to 'hustle culture' and the mentality that hinders us from making room for Jesus and for people?
9. Are there ways you've missed out on Jesus or people because of your mindset? What do you sense Jesus inviting you to think or do differently this week?

## Prayer

1. Spend the rest of the time praying for each other. **Thank God for how he loves us through other believers.** Here are some things you can pray about for the church:

A. That, as a church, we would actively and purposefully engage in the mission of Jesus in Campbell River.

B. Our church board and staff as they lead us to live out the mission of Jesus.

C. River Kids ministry as they reach out to kids in our community.

D. **Our missionary of the week: Duane and Dawn Bakken.** (Check out the church [website](#) for how to pray for them.)

E. **Local church: Church of the Way.**

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