

**Growing Young: Warm Community**  
Core Group Discussion Guide  
May 13, 2018

**Message Overview:**

In years past, many churches have assumed that if they can create a concert like atmosphere that gives off a super trendy vibe, young people will be attracted to the church and begin to follow Jesus. This Sunday we begin with the scriptures in which we examine the results of the Spirit's movement among people. The New Testament reveals how that when God's Spirit dwells among a people, there is warmth and care for each other (Shocking!). Moreover, research indicates that young people crave this reality far more than the attractional model of church life so many churches have chased over the last several decades. This is good news, because this is the kind of community we often are and can consistently become. For young people today, "Warm" is the new cool.

**Text:**

- Acts 2:42-47
- 1 Peter 4:8-11

**Questions for Discussion:**

1. The research for Growing Young discovered that "like family" was the most common phrase used to describe these thriving churches. To what extent does our church feel "like family"?
2. What are some of the obstacles to warmth in our congregation? (warmth is defined as authenticity, hospitality, caring, welcoming, accepting, belonging)
3. What is it like for newcomers to visit our church? How easy is it for newer people to access smaller gatherings in which they might find relational connection?
4. Where do you see intergenerational relationships thriving in our church? What could foster more—and deeper— connection across generations?
5. How could our worship services feel more like "family room" gatherings? Are there other contexts in the life of our church we'd like to warm up?