

A dark blue banner with a pattern of small, colorful squares. The text 'THE POWER OF WE' is written in large, bold letters, with 'THE POWER OF' in yellow and 'WE' in orange. Below it, 'GATEWAY GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE' is written in white. The 'WE' text is reflected below it.

THE POWER OF WE
GATEWAY GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Power of Connecting

Focus We as the church are called to be connected to God’s presence, connected in unity to God’s people and connected to fulfilling God’s purposes on this earth.

Open What TV show do you most relate to? *(or)* Which high-profile person do you connect with?

- Talk**
1. Read: Genesis 28:15–17. What was it about this experience that caused Jacob to say he was in the “house of God?” How is God’s presence like a gateway to heaven?
 2. * In what ways is the local church a conduit of God’s presence? What are some experiences you’ve had at church where God’s presence has changed your life?
 3. As the church’s influence increases or diminishes in a society, what are the effects?
 4. Read: Matthew 22:37–40. Which of these two commandments do you find is the easiest to follow? Why?
 5. * Read Psalm 133:1–3. Why do you think God blesses us so much when we are unified with one another? What is something great you have seen accomplished through unity?
 6. What encourages unity? What prevents it?

Live

1. * Read Acts 2:42–45. How unified are you with other people at church? What is one thing you can do to move toward greater unity with others?
2. Read Romans 8:28. How often do you think about the role you play in God's purpose for your community? For our nation? For the world? Is it possible to fulfill your purpose in life apart from God's presence and apart from unity with others?
3. How can we be in unity with God's people and with God's presence as we move forward with Project 114?
4. * How will Project 114 increase the ability for people to connect to God's presence as well as to God's people? How will this fulfill God's purposes?

Pray

Pray for God to show each of us the role we will play in Project 114. Pray that He would put on our hearts the gifts and commitments He would like for us to make as we unite as a church to fulfill His purposes.

* Key points for leaders.