

# Bridgetown Annual Community Plan

<p><b>Daily Apprenticeship</b></p> <p>What steps do we want to take and goals do we want to set in order to grow as apprentices of Jesus in the year ahead? (e.g. Practices, prayer, scriptures, hospitality, etc.)</p>	
<p><b>Weekly Meal</b></p> <p>What steps do we want to take and goals do we want to set with regard to our weekly meals together? (e.g. Communion, meal planning, practical commitments, etc.)</p>	
<p><b>Regular Life</b></p> <p>What steps do we want to take and goals do we want to set in order to grow as a family in the year ahead? (e.g. taking a trip together, celebrating birthdays, etc.)</p>	
<p><b>Mission</b></p> <p>What steps do we want to take and goals do we want to set to better love and serve our city, the poor, and those far from God? (Alpha, hospitality nights, shared giving fund, etc.)</p>	

# Conversation Guide

The goal of the Community Plan is to draw tangible steps that facilitate growth in your Community throughout the year ahead. But before we jump right to the practical, it's important to spend some time dreaming together. Starting with big dreams can get the ideas flowing. There will likely be many ideas presented, so we suggest writing them all down somewhere everyone can see it (whether a Google Doc that everyone has access to or a piece of poster paper taped to the wall). And write down everything people say – there is no wrong idea when it comes to brainstorming.

## Step 1: Brainstorm

Work through the following questions as a Community, writing down each answer as you go.

1. What are some hopes we have for our Community this year? (These hopes can be practical, like changing how we plan meals, or more abstract, like growing in vulnerability.)
2. What are some things that we want to do together this year? (e.g. save money for something, go on a camping trip, do a book study, re-visit certain Practices, etc.)

## Step 2: Categorize

Next, go back through your list and funnel each of the hopes you wrote down into one of four categories: Daily Apprenticeship, Weekly Meal, Regular Life, & Mission (You can find more information about each of these categories on the Community Plan). As you determine each category, write it down next to each hope. You can either make a new list or color-code each category.

## Step 3: Refine & Prioritize

After you've given a category to each hope, go back through as a Community and narrow down your list to two or three goals per category. (Note: This discussion time can be time-consuming, so please make sure you have sufficient margin in your night.)

## Step 4: Record

Using the Community Plan, write down two or three goals you have agreed upon as a Community to implement in the year to come. This is something your Community can and should come back to over the year ahead.