



Group Discussion Guide

The Call to Church-Planting

March 13, 2016

Mt. 28:16-20; Acts 13:1-3

SHARING

Hymns (What we're praising God for):

Lessons (What God is teaching us):

Requests (What we're asking God to do):

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Read the passage (Mt. 28:16-20 and Acts 13:1-3) and answer the following questions:

1. What stands out most and why?
2. What does the passage reveal to us about God?
3. What does the passage reveal to us about ourselves?
4. What are the immediate application points?

DEEPER DISCUSSION

1. In Mt. 28:18-20, Jesus gives what is called the "Great Commission." How would you explain to a brand new Christian what Jesus is calling us to do?
2. The emphasis on Jesus' commission is making disciples. Based upon your understanding of the Bible, what is a disciple? And what would it take for a follower of Jesus to "make" a disciple?
3. What types of commitments would mark someone who is committed to making disciples? If a church were committed whole-heartedly to disciple-making, what types of programs and ministries would be most important to them?
4. The preaching of the gospel is the only way for people to become followers of Christ. What are the reasons that we aren't more committed to sharing the gospel with loved ones? And where can we turn in the Scriptures for help in overcoming those barriers?
5. Who are the people in your life that God is leading you to share the gospel with? (Maybe commit to pray as a life group for gospel opportunities and for those people to come to faith).
6. The Antioch church was a "sending" church – launching 2 of their strongest leaders into missions work. What would you see in a church today that was known for being a "sending church?"
7. How can you be more engaged in the process of making disciples? What are 1 or 2 steps that you could take to participate in Jesus' Great Commission?