

## Fellowship Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of 1.21.2024

Our Mission, Part Two – Matthew 28:16-20, Matthew 4:18-22

**Opening Connection:** *Go around the room and ask each person to give their name and answer. The Discussion Leader is welcome to make up a question.*

- Since Pastor Nick mentioned coffee shops multiple times in his message...if you had to get a specialty drink at a coffee shop, what would be your go-to drink? Why?
- If you had to define a disciple (before today's message), how would you have defined it?
- Who was/is someone in your life who has helped disciple you? What about them has helped you become more like Jesus?
- When you think of the word "discipleship", what picture comes to your mind? How have you seen it play out in your life?
- Is discipleship something you have thought about intentionally ever?

**Sermon Text and Content Question Ideas:** *Discuss the content of the text and ask your own follow-up questions as the discussion unfolds. Feel free to use any of these questions as discussion starters.*

- Open up Matthew 28:16-20. Ask someone to read out loud.
  - What are your initial thoughts as you read this passage? Did anything surprise or stand out to you?
  - How does knowing these were Jesus' last words on earth help us understand their importance?
  - What of this passage are we truly commanded to do?
  - How does this passage help us see a piece to the picture of our Biblical purpose? Why?
  - Whose mission is this for?
  - Do you think, feel and act as if you're on mission?
  - Why do you think many people tend to ignore this mission?
  - What do we learn about God's character?
  - Did anything surprise or stand out to you about this passage?
  - What does this passage show us about God's character?
- Turn to Matthew 4:18-22. Ask someone to read out loud.
  - What are your initial thoughts as you read this passage? Did anything surprise or stand out to you?
  - Was this the first time they've heard/met Jesus? Why is the important to understand the passage?
  - What were the three aspects that Pastor Nick used to define disciple?
  - Of those three, which resonated with you the most and why?
  - What does it mean and look like to actually follow Jesus?
  - Why does following Jesus require transformation? What does/should that look like in our lives?
  - What does it mean to be "fishers of men?"

- From this passage, what do we learn about what a disciple is?
- What was Pastor Nick's definition? (someone who follows Jesus with their head, heart and hands) Any thoughts?

**Discussion/Application Question Ideas:** *Focus now on applying the content of the message.*

- From this message, what does/should discipleship look like? Can you give any examples?
- Why is discipleship a mindset?
- How might God use you to make disciples? What could that look like for you in your life right now?
- What's a next step you'd like to take in making disciples?
- What is the main "takeaway" for you from today's message that will impact your life?
- What is a truth from today's message that stands in contrast with what the world says?

**Prayer Together**

- Pray that God would show you how you can help others follow Jesus with their head, heart, and hands. Pray for those discipleship opportunities and for those you'd like to reach out to this week who could use some discipleship!
- Ask for a volunteer to be the last person to pray, and have a time of prayer together, with a few different people praying.
- Pray for God's Word to bear fruit in your lives, in light of what you have discussed.