

Small Group Curriculum

Week of 05/12/93

1. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6. Let's apply this verse to the church. What would it look like if we were intentional and generous about giving the church away to the community? What differences would we see?
2. Read John 20:21-22 and Matthew 28:19-20. What do the references to the Trinity imply about God's attitudes toward giving the church away? What does God provide for the people who are committed to sharing the Great Commission?
3. Pastor Derek said that 97% of existing churches in the USA have never reproduced another church. What do you think are some of factors behind this surprising statistic?
4. What are ways that a church like Grace could become complacent and forget our calling to reach our neighbors?
5. Read Act 1:8. Pastor Derek noted that the process of giving away the church is based on the Holy Spirit's power and planning. What implications does this have for our church?
6. Pastor Derek pointed out that our "Jerusalem" is our home turf, where most people are culturally the same as we are. Think about your church campus and the surrounding community: Where is your Jerusalem?
7. What do we risk when we share Jesus in our "Jerusalem?"
8. Pastor Derek said our "Judea" is a place "close to home but that is not quite home." The North East region of the United States is well educated and provides 25% of the nation's Gross Domestic Product, but is one of the more spiritually bankrupt areas of the United States. What would it look like for Grace to impact our region?
9. "Samaria" is geographically near but culturally diverse from us. Where is our Samaria? What would you say is the biggest challenge for our church to influence this demographic or people? What commitments would we need to make, as a church and personally, to reach this population?
10. "The Ends of the Earth" would people who are geographically and culturally far away. In what ways has our partnership with Sion church in Haiti changed our church? What do you think needs to happen for this partnership to take a next step?
11. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. What does it mean for an individual to become all things to all people for the sake of the Gospel? What would it look like for a church like Grace to apply verse ????? when it came to developing its strategy for sharing Jesus?