

Small Group Curriculum

Week of 05/26/13

1. How would you define discipleship? “Discipleship” isn’t a word we use in our culture. What are some more common words we use that capture the idea of discipleship?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6. What would it mean for you to be generous in your disciple-making activities?
3. What are some common reasons people don’t engage in disciple-making?
4. Read Matthew 29:19-20. What’s the significance of Jesus commanding his followers to make disciples as opposed to converts? What type of relationship do you need to have with someone to get them to convert to Christianity? What type of relationship would you need to have to build them into a disciple of Jesus?
5. Author Howard Hendricks said, “We have to ask ourselves the very probing question, do I want to reproduce people like me? If not, I need to change me.” How does obeying the Great Commission change a person?
6. Read John 8:31-32. The word “abide” means to take up residence in something. What would it look like to “take up residence” in God Word? According to this verse, what is the benefit of residing in God’s word?
7. Read John 13:35. How does love establish to others we are Jesus’ disciples? How is this different from how those outside the church often perceive Christians? What does that gap suggest?
8. Read Luke 9:23. What is Jesus asking for in this verse? How can we know the difference between being religiously overzealous and actually taking up our cross?
9. Read John 15:8. What does it mean to have a fruitful life in God’s eyes?
10. Pastor Derek challenged every person to “be a Barnabas, Pursue a Paul, and Train a Timothy.” Who do you have in your life who is a younger Christian that you invest in? How has the relationship changed you?
11. “Pursue a Paul”: Do you have anyone mentoring you? Why or why not? If you could get godly advice in any one area of your life, what would you choose? Who do you know who could potentially provide advice in this area?
12. Barnabas was known for his gift of encouraging others in their faith. Who do you know that is generally encouraging to you? On a piece of paper write down the names of two or three people you know could use your encouragement.