

Small Group Curriculum

Week of 10-25-12

Remind your group that Pastor Derek reminded us of the church's five year vision. Explain that you will discuss each facet of that vision, pray over it, and brainstorm how you can help make it happen.

Three More Multi-site Locations

Have a volunteer read Acts 9:31. What were three signs that the church was experiencing spiritual health? How are those indicators true of Grace Church?

What changes have you noticed about Grace since we launched our multi-site?

What opportunities for growth does launching a new campus give the people in our church?

Take a moment to pray over this vision.

We will raise the temperature for life-on-life discipleship to the boiling point.

Have a volunteer read Matthew 28:18-20. What elements of discipleship does Jesus describe in these verses? How well does our church engage in each of these phases of discipleship? How well are you personally invested in each phase of discipleship?

How do you learn best? How could you harness that learning style to increase your knowledge of, and relationship with, Jesus?

Take a moment to pray over this vision.

Two Global Church-to-Church Partnerships

Pastor Derek cast a vision of taking advantage of our position as a well-resourced church to help other churches in other parts of the world.

What do you think a church in an emerging nation could learn from Grace? What could Grace Church learn from a global church?

Take a moment to pray over this vision.

Connect 50 local churches to work together in partnership to serve the Erie Community.

Have a volunteer read John 17:20-23. How do the ways we attempt to prove the truth of Christianity differ from Jesus' prescription for bringing the world to belief?

Pastor Derek noted that fighting Erie's poverty rate is the issue over which Erie churches must unify. What would happen if Erie churches effectively reduced the city's poverty rate? What

level of commitment would it take from each church to accomplish this? What would it cost you as an individual?

Take a moment to pray over this vision.

936 weeks of partnering with parents in shaping Christ-centered communities.

Pastor Derek talked about our vision of partnering with parents so parents are empowered to be the spiritual leaders of their homes. Let's try an exercise to see why this is vital. Read Galatians 5:22-23. How can the church teach the fruit of the Spirit in ways the family can't? How can families teach these characteristics in ways the church cannot?

What would a healthy partnership between families and Grace Church look like?

Take a moment and pray for this vision.