

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of August 27, 2017

This Week's Focus: Being a disciple of Jesus Christ.

This Week's Text: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:36-46, 11:19-26

Christianity does not begin with our pursuit of Christ, but with Christ's pursuit of us. Christianity does not start with an invitation we offer to Jesus, but with an invitation Jesus offers to us." **David Platt**

"When God was merciful to us, we learned to be merciful with one another. When we received forgiveness instead of judgment, we too were made ready to forgive each other. What God did to us, we then owed to others. The more we received, the more we were able to give; and the more meager our love for one another, the less we were living by God's mercy and love. Thus God taught us to encounter one another as God has encountered us in Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)" **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has God spoken to you about regarding the text/sermon?
- Discuss the meaning of being a disciple. When does it begin? What are some of the traits?
- Share how and when Jesus called you to himself.
- In Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus gives the church (his disciples) their marching orders. What are they? How well are you (we) doing?
- What are some of the challenges you have following Jesus and his will according to Matthew 28:18-20?
- Discuss the three benefits of evangelism.
 - Evangelism helps keep the gospel central in our lives and therefore in our churches.
 - Evangelism deepens our understanding of the fundamental truths of Scripture.
 - Properly motivated evangelism grows our love for God and neighbor.

- Read Genesis 1:26 and 2:18-20 and discuss:
 - God's communal Trinitarian nature.
 - Our need for community even within perfect humanity. (Adam's need for community was before sin entered the world.)
- What is the "ground war and air war" approach to community?
- Discuss the many benefits of gathering in community.
- Read Acts 11:19-26 and discuss the different roles of Barnabas and Saul/Paul in the discipleship of the Church.
- Discuss the many ways discipleship happens. What do they all have in common?
- What is a missionary? Reference John 17:18, 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20.
- Pastor Lou mentioned 3 ways to live as missionaries.
 - Be biblical. What is a biblical worldview? Why is it important to know and understand people's worldviews?
 - Be practical. What are some practical ways you can press people about their idols and their false beliefs? What are practical ways to turn conversions to Christ?
 - Be Intentional. What are some ways you can intentionally live on mission?