

Sermon Discussion Guide October 24, 2021

Welcome

Welcome everyone.

Pray

Ask someone to open in prayer.

Highs/Lows and Transition Question

Ask everyone their highs and lows from the week. Leaders start by sharing yours first.

“Were you able to join us in person or online to worship and hear this week’s sermon?”

Message Review

BUILT TO LAST IV

Casting a Wide Net

Acts 19:1 - 10

A movement that is built to last casts a wide net that reaches:

1. SEEKERS who need GUIDANCE.
2. SKEPTICS who need CONVINCING.
3. SERVANTS who need to carry out the MISSION.

Read Passage

If it would be helpful to your group, read the passage together. (Group leader needs to direct people to read. It’s going to be harder to ‘read the room’ or wait for volunteers to initiate.)

Discussion

1. What was one thing that you learned or were reminded of from the message this week?
2. A movement that is built to last casts a wide net that reaches SEEKERS who need GUIDANCE and SKEPTICS who need CONVINCING.
 - a. What does it look like today when someone is a seeker who needs guidance? A skeptic who needs convincing?
 - b. What have you seen as effective net-casting to reach seekers who need guidance or for skeptics who need convincing? What strategies have been ineffective?
 - c. How does our church seek to cast a net that reaches seekers and skeptics? How can our small group be part of that effort?
3. A movement that is built to last casts a wide net that reaches SERVANTS who need to carry out the MISSION.
 - a. What does it look like today to be a servant who carries out the mission?
 - b. How are we called to respond to seekers and skeptics when they don’t respond to the Gospel?
 - c. Why is it hard to follow Paul’s example of ‘moving on’ in ministry when seekers and skeptics don’t respond to the Gospel (or respond negatively)? How do we not take it personally when they respond negatively?
 - d. How can you be a servant who carries out the mission here at Family Church?
4. Where are you in this wide net that’s been cast? Are you a seeker who needs guidance? Are you a skeptic who needs convincing? Are you a servant who needs to carry out the mission? How is God calling you to cast the net to those around you this week?

Prayer Time:

Ask someone to close in prayer.

Encourage your group to commit to praying for one another's requests this week.

Closing

Thank everyone for joining. The host or leader should be the last one to leave.

Want to Go Deeper?

Use these passages and questions within your group for further discussion or use them for your group's own personal study this week. Feel free to develop your own questions throughout your group's discussion.

1. Read Acts 19:1-10 and Mathew 13:53 – 58.
 - a. What resistance did Jesus' face in Matthew 13? What resistance did Paul face in Acts 19? How did they each respond to those situations?
 - b. What are some reasons or situations that we might resist the Spirit?
 - c. Do we let the Holy Spirit work in those areas of resistance, or seek to overcome the resistance in our own strength somehow?
 - d. How do we know when to 'walk away' like Jesus and Paul did to continue carrying out the mission that God has given us? How can we surrender our own efforts to allow the Holy Spirit to work in those places of resistance?

PRAYER

Thank you, God, that you are building a movement that lasts. Thank you for letting us be a part of casting the net of your mission. Give us opportunities to share your Gospel with seekers and with skeptics. Help us to give your guidance to those who seek you. Help us to have wisdom when casting the net to skeptics. Show us when to continue casting the net and when to cast the net somewhere else. May we be servants who carry out your mission, not just here at Family Church but also in our own lives. Use us this week to cast the net and continue building your movement.