

My City. My Church.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP LEADER GUIDE

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HEARTBEAT The heartbeat of this week's study is the call to intentionally send people out to do the work of the kingdom as well as developing a "missional living" mindset in all believers. "Missional living" is the perspective that God has placed me where I am, and in that place I am commissioned to be salt and light as a representative of Jesus Christ. That mindset finds God's purposes in every situation and environment and finds ways in which to bear spiritual fruit in that circumstance. Ultimately, every believer is to be a disciple who makes disciples who makes disciples. That kingdom perspective gives eternal meaning to everything.

GETTING STARTED [15 MINUTES]

CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH

- What would you say has been your greatest adventure in life so far?
- For you, what was the best thing about high school and what was the worst thing?

MID-CITIES DNA [10 MINUTES]

CHOOSE ONE

- Have you ever been on a mission trip? Tell us about it.
- What kind of ministry do you think God has equipped you for with the spiritual gifts, temperament, experiences, and passion he has given you?

EXPLORATION [20 MINUTES]

CHOOSE 2 OR 3 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was most significant for you in the sermon or the worship service this morning?

Read Acts 2:41-48, Acts 4:4

This section describes the early days of the church in Jerusalem. We are told that 3000 people became followers of Jesus on the day of Pentecost but that others were being added to the church every day. Within a short time, over 5000 men, not counting their wives and children, had become followers of Jesus. What do you see in this section that contributed to such amazing growth and how do you think the apostles managed that growth?

- Ultimately, we are to be disciples who make disciples who then also make disciples. How well do you think the church does in its assignment to make disciples who make disciples?
- What typically gets in the way of a believer's willingness to reach out, bring others to the Lord, and then help them grow in their life with Jesus?
- Jesus commanded us to go into the world and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20) He also told us to love one another as he has loved us (John 13:34). What connection do you see between those two commands?

APPLICATION [25 MINUTES]

- Who was most influential in bringing you to Christ? How did he/she lead you to Christ and did they continue to disciple you after you gave your life to the Lord?
- Have you ever considered going to the mission field? Where did you think about going? If you did not go, what got in the way?
- Have you ever thought of your home, your neighborhood, your work place, or your community as a mission field where God has placed you? If you lived with that perspective, how might that change how you live?
- Have you ever been instrumental in bringing someone to Christ or in discipling a new believer? What were the challenges involved in that and what were the blessings?

MINISTRY TIME [10 MINUTES]

Please, encourage the exercise of spiritual gifts during your ministry time. Choose one or two of these prayer topics for your ministry time or choose your own prayer format and topics. You may want to break your larger group up into smaller groups of two or three.

- Pray for our multi-site churches and the teams going with them. Bless those in your group who may be part of those teams.
- Pray for God to give you a sense of mission in whatever circumstance (job, school, neighborhood, etc) he has placed you.
- Pray for any other needs in your group.