

# Why We Exist As A Church

## Week #3

### We Are Here To....

- ✓ Encounter God
- ✓ Exist for Others
- ✓ Empower People
- ✓ Enjoy Abundant Living

### Empower People

The Mission of the Church of the Nazarene is to make **Christ-like disciples** in all of the nations.

### Intentional Discipleship

Jesus calls us to be his disciples, empowers us to be his disciples, and empowers us to invite others to participate in the same process.

Matt. 28:19-20, Colossians 1:28, Acts 1, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Ephesians 3:17

### We Make Disciples By

1. Living a life of discipleship

Hang-out with God

Accountability

Biblical Education

Involvement with Church ministries

Tithing

Sharing your faith

2. Leading people into a personal relationship with Christ

3. Creating/Participating in discipleship programs

- Classes that nurture spiritual growth through education
- Groups that encourage accountability
- Activities in which you can serve others

<sup>12</sup> I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. <sup>13</sup> Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. <sup>14</sup> The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. I Timothy 1:12-15

# Next Steps

## **Deeper Study:**

Read Matthew 16:24 and Luke 14:25-35. According to Jesus, what are the steps to becoming a disciple? How does one live this out?

## **Discipleship Discussion Guide**

- Look through the sermon notes and your personal notes from the message, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, confused you, or challenged you?
- Who is someone that has been a mentor, coach, or key influencer in your life? How did they influence or mentor? Why were you receptive to their advice and guidance?
- As a Christian we are called to be a disciple and make disciples. How do we make disciples in modern culture? How can we be a church that empowers people to make disciples? Who are you disciplining now?

## **The Purpose of Small Group**

1. RELATIONSHIP 2. RELATIONSHIP 3. RELATIONSHIP 4. SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**SHARE:** Each week take time to share things that are happening in life. Spend the first few meeting getting to know each other and your story.

**SUPPORT:** Each week take time to take care of one another in the group. Pray for one another, encourage those whom are discouraged, listen, challenge one another, meet needs that are expressed. (John 15:9-13)

**STUDY:** Spend time each week in God's word discussing the previous week's sermon or appropriate topic that is dealing with deeper needs within the group.

**SERVE:** As you grow together as a group find opportunities for you as a group to serve together whether within the church or the community.