

ME TO WE

JANUARY 13

BE THE CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

How would you describe what the church is in your own words? What is your initial reaction to the statement “*don’t go to church, be the church*”? How does this concept challenge your way of thinking about the nature of the church?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the most difficult assignment you have ever been given?
2. Read **Matthew 28:18-20** and discuss why you think Jesus used this challenge as his last words to his disciples?
3. Imagine being one of the disciples hearing Jesus give the charge... "make disciples of ALL the nations." What would you have felt as a first century disciple? How do you feel about that now?
4. Read **Mark 12:28-31**. Jesus says that there are really two great commandments. What are they? Why are they so great?
5. What do you need to do to love God more? What do you need to do to love people more? What is keeping you from keeping the Great Commandment?

MOVING FORWARD

The church is called to be the family of God. Consider the defining characteristics of a family and how a family relates to one another. How can we better care for and love one another in this group as the family of God? As you pray for different needs and request, spend some time also praying that God would show your group how you can grow together as the family of God, loving and serving one another.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” 2 Cor. 5:20