



ENGAGE

(A key part of healthy group life is to make sure your group gets to know each other and builds good relationships. The purpose of these first questions is to help your group open up. Please don't feel like you have to ask each question. Once you feel like the group is ready, move onto the "Inspire" section.)

- Discuss the first time you can remember someone sharing Jesus with you.
- What did God teach you during the message this weekend? Did anything in particular stand out?

Prayer:

Take some time to pray for God to speak to your group through this week's study.

INSPIRE

(Each question has a lot to unpack. Since the group may need time to process each question, don't let silence scare you. Try to avoid filling the space with unnecessary explanation or moving on from the question too quickly.)

1. How would you define the church?
The church is made up of a group of broken, messy, people who God has redeemed by His Son and then formed into a singular, redeemed, unified people under the name of Jesus Christ.
 - What should our role in the church look like based on this definition?
2. The only response for redeemed people is gratitude (and service) rather than entitlement. If you are in Christ, you don't just go to church—you are a part of the church, not for what you can get out of it, but also for what you contribute. Our church should have a high view of Scripture, a high view of the triune God, and a ferocious love for people who are far from Him.
 - Does your response to the Gospel lack anything? Do you think there's any weakness in your role as a member of the church body? Discuss. What needs to happen to fix it?
3. Read John 17. This is Jesus praying for His Church just before his arrest and crucifixion. Jesus is praying to God for you and me. To be on mission means to be sent. You, as a believer are sent! You are sent to show and tell others about Jesus. No follower of Christ is exempt from carrying out his mission.
 - How does this statement hit you? Is this hard for you to live out? Discuss.
4. To be on mission is to live for a cause that's more important than your own comfort in life.
 - How does the mission of Christ challenge your comfort zones?
 - Share a time in your life when your comfort trumped Christ's mission, or Christ's mission trumped your comfort.
5. A lack of joy in life is often due to a lack of purpose and mission.
 - How can carrying out the mission of Christ in your life bring you greater joy?
6. Read Matthew 28:17-20. To make disciples is to lead new believers to maturity so that they understand and follow Jesus and eventually lead others to do the same. You have been uniquely gifted, equipped, and placed in this world and in this church for discipleship. The goal isn't converts, but disciples.
 - Do you have a desire or a passion to carry out this mission? Discuss.
 - Do you feel equipped to carry out this mission? Why or why not? What do you need in order to feel fully equipped to carry out this mission? Discuss.
 - Who are the people in your life that you are leading to Christ, and how are you doing it?



EQUIP

Application:

(These questions will challenge your group members to apply the study to their daily lives. How can they live out what they take in? It is highly important that you go over this section with your group each week for the group study to be a success.)

A disciple is a learner. Being a disciple isn't that you'll get all your stuff together, but that in Christ, you are moving towards maturity.

What are you personally doing to grow in your maturity in Christ?

The church doesn't have a mission as much as God's mission has a church. The triune God is a missionary God. The church then has a mission because God has a mission. The role of the church is to participate in the mission of God. We should always have a heart for those who are outside of Christ. Our hearts need to be broken over those who do not know Jesus.

What action steps can you take to reach out to those who are outside of Christ?**Prayer:**

Take some time to pray over each group member's identified action steps and life issues.

Equip Your Mind:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

(Matthew 28:19-20, ESV)