

Live Sent

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CONNECT

As you begin your group, take time to look back and answer the following questions:

- How did God's Word speak to you this week?
- Where do you see God's work in your life?

As Jimmy opened today he referenced a quote he had seen that said, "The two most important days of your life are the day you are born, and the day you find out why." Spiritually we are born when we believe and confess Jesus as our Savior, and today we were reminded that God also gives us a mission and purpose wherever He plants us.

- What is the earliest memory you have of wondering what your purpose is? What are some of the places over your life that you've looked to find it?

GROW

God is redeeming all of creation back to its original design. He calls His people to co-labor alongside Him. The making of all things right is only made possible by Jesus in His defeat of sin and death. But He uses His people, the church, to walk out this mission through their daily lives of surrender. God sent the Son, the Son sent the Spirit, and the Spirit sends the Church. God calls us to live with this purpose in mind.

Read Acts 16 as a group. Make observations about the passage by answering questions such as these:

- What do you see? What do you find interesting or insightful? Is there something new you learned or had not seen before?
- What is the author's main point? How does he make it?
- What lesson am I meant to learn from this passage?

Next, ask what this passage says about God, mankind in general, and yourself.

- What does this passage say about God? What does it say about His character and activity in our lives and in the world?
- What does this passage say about us? What does it reveal about human nature?
- What does this passage say about you? How does it directly apply to your identity, worth, and purpose in life?

As you reflect on Acts 16 and the sermon together answer the following questions:

- Follow the Spirit: Where do you feel like the Spirit is leading you to live with greater intentionality? How can you continue to grow in being attentive and obedient to the Spirit?
- Study the Culture: A vital part of reaching the culture you are planted in is studying the culture. What are some funny cultural differences you've noticed before? What are some places you find yourself consistently that you could be intentional to study?
- Determine the Idols: Idols are what stand in the way of the hearts, minds and souls of people receiving the gospel. What are the cultural idols we deal with in Mississippi? Are there any idols that are specific to our city or in our stage of life?
- Learn to Contextualize: Contextualizing never touches the message, but is open handed with the language. How can you contextualize the message of Jesus in the different circle of influence you are planted?

SHARE

God has called us to share our goods, gifts and the gospel with others. As we embrace this call and live on mission we glorify God.

- Who is someone in your circle of influence you want to show love to this week? How can you be intentional to share the hope of Jesus with them?
- Are there any opportunities we have as a group to move towards our community and spread the love and hope of Jesus?

PRAY

As we prepare to leave group tonight, we desire to step out and live a Jesus-centered life and submit to the Spirit (Romans 8:6-8). Take time to reflect on this past week and set intentions for next week by answering the following questions:

- How can we be intentional to pray for each other to live sent as we scatter this week?
- How have you fed your spirit this week? What are ways you've drifted to feeding your flesh? How can we partner with you in prayer in this area of your life?

Take a few moments to pray for each other and for God's continued growth in those areas.