

Small Group Study

Calling & Giftedness

From the sermon series, "Making Disciples of Jesus"

AGENDA

- Allow people to arrive, talk, and snack – 15 min.
- Open in prayer – 30 sec.
- Thank everyone for coming. Go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer one of the icebreaker questions. – 15-20 min.
- Show DVD – 8 minutes
- Discussion – 30 minutes
- Discuss servant evangelism project if needed.
- Prayer – 15-20 minutes
- Hang out and eat snacks – 15 minutes

DISCUSSION

Have volunteers read the following scriptures:

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Romans 10:1, 12-15 (NLT)

1 Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved.

12 Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. 13 For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? 15 And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

1. What is the connection between God's heart for the world and our responsibility?
2. Do you share Paul's feelings in Romans 10:1 for anyone? Who? From this passage, what is the most caring thing you could do for them?
3. Look at Acts 1:8 again. What is the scope of our charge to witness?
4. What parallels do you see between these 4 geographic regions and your own life? Whom are we called to reach?

Icebreakers

Use the questions below to help people open up and to focus your meeting. It is very helpful to go around in a circle with the leader going first. (Remember if you have new members or guests you should take time to introduce everyone.)

1. What's the best news anyone ever gave you?

2. What are 2 or 3 accomplishments in your life that you are proud of?

3. Tell us of a time when someone went out of their way to be kind or nice to you. How did it make you feel?



5. What did you learn from the sermon this week about how God can use your particular spiritual gifts to reach people for Christ? (e.g. gift of hospitality, gift of service, etc.)

ACTION ITEMS

1. Continue to pray for the people on your list.
2. Take time this week to pray for our missions efforts in Ecuador, Ethiopia, and Palestine. Check out our website to see how you can participate in missions through Vineyard Church:
vineyardkcnorth.com/missions

PRAYER

In addition to praying for each other, take time to pray for both local and cross-cultural missions.

Blessings,
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