

DISCIPLEMAKERS

Discussion Notes | Week of May 12, 2019

ICE BREAKER

What is something that you have in common with the person sitting next to you? (can't use spouses).

PRAY

Praying after the ice breaker is a great way to transition from whatever goofiness was just happening to the opening of God's Word together. Don't ask anyone to pray unless you know them well.

SCRIPTURE READING

Have people in the group read. Don't pick anyone (especially anyone new) but ask for a volunteer.

Matthew 28:18–20

"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to get the conversation going, not teach a lesson. Remember, many folks may have been serving in New City Kids (or absent on Sunday) and haven't heard the sermon. Allow the Scripture to guide your time together, not the preacher's outline. Feel free to follow rabbit trails if it seems the Spirit is doing something, but if you get way off track, one of these questions could get you back on course.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 3:4–9—"For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building."

Based on this scripture, who is responsible for the growth of a disciple? How does that change the way we approach making disciples? The way we approach growth as disciples ourselves?

2. We're all making disciples of something, but it's only those who remain in Jesus that can make disciples of Jesus. Right now, who are you making disciples of? What can you do to ensure those who follow you being pointed to Jesus?

3. Crowd ministry is not what leads to transformation. Transformation happens in smaller communities of people who live on the mission of taking the gospel to one another heart so that we can take it to the world.

Have you experienced transformation like this as part of a church community before, either at New City or elsewhere? What characteristics made that community stand out?

4. • If you believe in Jesus Christ as your lord, you are a disciple. A disciple is a student—A student learns and grows the ways of Jesus in everyday life. Everything is discipleship. Are you able to see how meaningful each relationship, each circumstance, and struggle you experience is? Jesus doesn't waste anything. He never did with his men and he never will with us.

Where are you today in the midst of Jesus' call for all of his followers to be disciplemakers?

PRAYER

Take time to pray with each other and for each other during your time together. A great way to avoid spending all of your time sharing prayer requests instead of actually praying, is to break into smaller groups or pairs.