

The purpose of this leader's guide is to be a tool for ABF and Life Group leaders to follow the sermon series with their group. Our hope is that this guide will give you a head start for your study and will allow your group to respond to what they've heard and apply it for life.*

Prayer for Making Disciples

Vance Pitman will be speaking at our church on Sunday October 4th. We have asked everyone to invite people to come to WFBC so that they can hear a clear presentation of the gospel. For you and your group this Sunday could be the start of committing to making disciples in everyday life. In order for us to impact lostness in our community we need to be faithful as a church to make disciples in everyday life. This small group exercise can help facilitate living on mission in everyday life, centered around our church small group community.

Read Matthew 28:16-20. In this passage Jesus gives His disciples the Great Commission. This is not only for His disciples, or just for pastors and leaders, but for the entire church. We know this because it was the church apart from the leaders (the apostles) that was faithful to go and make disciples among all nations (Acts 8). The Great Commission is for everyone who follows Christ.

Note Card Exercise

Take notecards and hand them out to everyone in your group. Tell them to write "baptize them" on one side and "teach them" on the reverse side.

Ask them to take a moment and write down names on the "baptize them" side for those that God has placed in their life to reach them with the gospel. This could be parents, brothers, spouses, children, neighbors, co-workers, etc..

On the reverse side ask them to take a moment and write down names on the "teach them" side for those that God has placed in their lives to disciple. Again this can be their children, friends, neighbors, etc.

If people are having a hard time coming up with names on either side of their card, tell them to write "unknown."

Praying Together

Ask everyone to split up in groups to pray together over these cards. Ask them to spend some time sharing the story of the names on the cards if appropriate and if they feel comfortable to do so. They can also share their desire to be more intentional about being a faithful witness and praying for the name they don't quite know yet (unknown). After a time of testimony, they would pray over those names asking God to save those people written down and asking for an opportunity to meet with them in discipleship. Some people will need to ask God to give them boldness, or help them step out in faith to share their testimony with someone. Or they may ask for strength to step out in faith to ask someone to meet with them one on one. They could also pray that God would open up the door for them to join a discipleship group so they can be working towards being able to disciple others.

General Reflection:

- 1) What does the Great Commission passage teach us about God?
- 2) What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- 3) What is a command to obey in this passage? What has God revealed in your life that needs changing? What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?