

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / FEBRUARY 4

TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

Read

Read John 15:5–8 and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “Ministry is figuring out where the Father is working in the lives of people around you and joining him in it.”
- “Disciple-making means pursuing normal life with gospel intentionality.”
- “If there’s one truly distinctive thing about Jesus’ disciples, it is supposed to be love. What would Jesus do? He would love first.”
- “For disciples of Jesus, we shouldn’t limit our guest list to family/friends/relatives/rich neighbors. Open up your love to the outsider.”
- “In Acts 1:8, Jesus gave us the outline for our mission: Jerusalem/Judea (local), Samaria (cross-cultural in our midst), and the ends of the earth (overseas).”

Group Discussion

1. Share an instance where you felt like you were joining God in his work. What was scary? What was exciting?
2. How well do you integrate gospel intentionality into your life? What would growing in this look like for you?
3. Why are love and hospitality essential to living as disciples? How can we as a group foster these qualities in our group?
4. Share any cross-cultural experiences you’ve had, whether local or international. What did you learn about God and his work through the experience?

CHALLENGE

- This week, start a conversation with someone who is not a Christian and get to know them. If you already know someone who is a non-believer, have them over in your home and show them Christ-like love and hospitality.

PRAYER

- Ask God to provide wisdom and opportunities for us to actively engage in disciple-making in everyday life.
- Pray that God would cultivate within each of us a heart that mirrors Jesus' love and hospitality, enabling us to embody these qualities in all our interactions.