

Life Group Session 3 Discussion 1

Tangible Kingdom: Missional/Great Neighbor Life

Cross Culture Church

Goal: Now that you have introduced spiritual disciplines to help encourage an ongoing relationship with Jesus that leads to transformation, and you have given examples of seeing life as a seminar to become like Jesus, it's time to learn what it means to start to live a great neighbor life/missional life.

Connect:

1. Life group leader only. Share a personal story of how a community of people have helped bring change in your life.
2. Revisit the following expectations for the group.
 - a. Expectations
 - Show up, if you can't make it let us know.
 - Have fun.
 - What's shared here stays here.
 - Be willing to be vulnerable. Growth happens with honesty.
 - Share but leave room for others to talk.
 - New One: Practice what you learn beyond the life group so you can bring back personal experiences.
 - Our primary goal is to experience growth and freedom in Jesus together.
3. Find out more about what the group knows about missional Kingdom life and define some basic concepts for the next 8 weeks.
 - a. Ask the group to define the following concepts and then share the definitions below.
 - **Gospel**
 - **Missional People**
 - **Sojourner**
 - **Apprenticeship**
 - **Living Out**
 - **Inviting In**
 - b. Definitions(No need to memorize just start to familiarize yourself with these concepts for now)
 - **Gospel**- the good news of Jesus, capable of transforming everything about a person, their community and their world.
 - **Missional People**-individuals actively committed to living a "sent" or "great neighbor" life with others.

- **Sojourner**-a spiritually curious God seeker; a traveler who has intersected the missional community to learn more about Jesus but maybe isn't an apprentice yet.
- **Apprenticeship**-Moving beyond being a cultural christian to an action oriented faithful follower of Jesus Christ. To be with Jesus(Spiritual Disciplines), to become like Jesus(Spiritual Disciplines/Life as seminar) and do what Jesus does(Spiritual Disciplines/Great Neighbor Life).
- **Living Out**-the natural and deliberate process of living among, listening to, and loving people in culture with the desire to connect them to Jesus and His Church.
- **Inviting In**-Integrating Sojourners into the community as a result of being a great neighbor with intentional hospitality and compassion.

The foundation of a missional life is the decision to offer to God our plans in exchange for His Plans. It requires that we are willing to leave our world and daily self focused comforts so he can extend His Kingdom through us. Whether we choose to engage the call is up to us.

Read the Great Commission

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:16-20, ESV

Discussion:

- What declarations have been made in this passage?
- What commands have been given in this passage?
 - Are they optional for the apprentice of Jesus?

"Therefore go," can be better translated as "as you go," in your daily lives make disciples. We don't have to go overseas to be missionaries living the missional life.

- What do missionaries do overseas?
- How is it different to be a missionary in the US?
- How does it feel to know that as a follower of Jesus you are now a missionary wherever God has planted you?
- Why is it important the followers of Jesus see themselves as missionaries?

What is hindering you from living a missional life?(The group will pray together about each at the end)

Steps for next group:

- **Next Time**: As your commissioning as missionaries, the next life group meeting, share a meal together.(Everyone bring a dish)
- **Practice**: Cross your street or your fence and do something to connect with a neighbor/coworker you haven't met yet or don't know. Cross a social, political or ethnic line to connect with someone different than you.
- **Pray**: Write down the names of non-believers and sojourners in your life that you can start praying for everyday. Text or email these names to your life group leader.(Please don't text your life group leader their own name, lol. If so contact the lead pastor immediately, jk)

Prayer Time: Take some time to confess out loud the things that hold the group back from living missional lives. Ask God to remind you He is with you, train you, equip you and remove the obstacles that get in the way of you living the missional life.