

# Life Group Discussion Guide

## September 6, 2015



### Part 4: Repeat

#### Introduction

"The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity." - Mike Stachura

#### Scripture References

- Matthew 28:19-20
- Acts 1:8

#### Discussion Kick Off

1. Have you ever found something (a local restaurant with amazing food, a hidden "gem" at a yard sale, a shortcut that saved a ton of time, etc.) and could not wait to tell your spouse or friends? Share it with the group.
2. When you hear the phrase, "Share your faith" or "Tell the good news," do you experience the same joyful thoughts or emotions? Why or why not? What thoughts or images run through your brain? Are they negative or positive?
3. Do you think we (Christians, the church, etc.) have overcomplicated and made awkward something Jesus meant to be simple, natural and authentic? If so, explain.
4. When you think about "repeating the story of Christ," what is your greatest fear?

#### Evaluate It

1. Read Matthew 28:19. Some scholars have suggested that "as you" should be inserted between "therefore" and "go" in verse 19. Reread Matthew 28:19 inserting these two words. Does this change the way you mentally think about this verse? If so, how?
2. Read Acts 1:8. When you hear "witness now" in 2015, what do you think of? Obviously, no one alive today witnessed the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, so how can we be His witnesses today? Hint: John 9:25.
3. What does Jesus mean by "make disciples"? Thinking of His relationship with His disciples, what is the greatest thing required of us?

#### Make It Personal

1. When you think about "repeating the story of Christ," what is your greatest fear?
2. Stuart said, "The church is not a group of people huddled in holy huddles congratulating each other for finding Jesus. The church is a group of people who hold the cure to the world's worst disease and we are repeating the cure because it is our mission and because it's the right thing to do and because it's exactly what was done for you." What can you do to keep this mission on the forefront of your life and First Christian Church?

*It is my opinion that the best evangelistic center in the greater metropolitan Boston area is not a church. It is a filling station in Arlington. It was owned and operated by a man named Bob who caught the vision early in his life that his vocation and his calling were to be welded together. As time passed, his station became known as the place to go for gas, new tires, or other car service. I have seen a half a dozen cars lined up bumper to bumper near two pumps in front of that little station just waiting to be served by that man. He has no banners out, no "Jesus Saves" flags, no signs, no "Ichthuses," nothing plastered all over the station or in the windows, no sign, "Bring your car to Bob and take your soul to Jesus." He simply did his job! He did it well and people knew he was in partnership with the Lord. He led dozens of people to faith in Jesus Christ.*

Starting a Table or Life Group? Take a look at the helpful information below:

Who establishes and makes up a table group?

1. Husband & Wife
2. Family
3. 2-5 Guys
4. 2-5 Ladies
5. 2-5 Couples

Where do they meet?

1. Kitchen table
2. Coffee table
3. Cafe table
4. Restaurant table
5. Picnic table
6. Work table
7. Round table

- Meeting (how often, how long): Weekly or bi-weekly (day and time is decided by the group). No more than 2 hours.
- Who should lead a life or table group? Leadership can be shared, or the group may choose a leader.
- How long should the group stay together? The group should commit to stay together 6-8 weeks. Groups can renew their commitment to meet together at the end of that time, but initially groups should stay together 6-8 weeks.
- What happens if the group is too big to meet around a table? No table or life group should have more than 15 individuals. If a group grows to have more than 15 participants, there are two options:
  - Multiply into separate tables (groups of less than 15) or
  - Seek to establish a life group (10-20 participants)
- If you have any questions or would like to establish a life group, please contact Jason Fox at 270-765-4994 or [jason@fccetown.com](mailto:jason@fccetown.com).

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