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<u>Discipleship Phrase</u>: We are called to the kingdom. <u>Big Idea for Series</u>: God's will, God's reign, God's way

Abiding (grow as a disciple yourself)

Mt. 24:14 (ESV) says, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Personally, how well are you proclaiming the "gospel of the kingdom" and what's your part that you can own in testifying it to "all nations"? Being missional always seems as if it's a job for others yet we have a part to play no matter how small. What's God asking of you to become more others focused and what could it look like to be more missionary this season?

<u>Leading</u> (facilitate your group effectively)

This week's message challenges each of us to think about what a "mission" focus for God's kingdom should look like. As you lead discussion, center in on the Great Commission and how each of us has a part in discipling others. Do any of your group members have beliefs that "missional work" is reserved for only those called to a faraway country? What heart change needs to happen in us to align to God's plan to make disciples of all nations? As you move into action, Question 4 is meant to help the group focus on where they can begin discipling and connecting with others outside of their existing circles. What should your members do with this prompting?

Shepherding (know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep)

As you spend time this week talking about missions, consider what it means to purposefully pursue relationship with the "last, least and lost" among us. Be ready to talk with your people about how being missional is a mindset. It's about bringing the gospel here, to each person you encounter. Talk with your group this week about what it looks like to be living out both the greatest commandment (Mt. 22:36-40) and the great commission (Mt. 28:18-20). How might you walk differently if there were no boundaries (financial, time, commitments) in your life? Give examples of the things you currently do that speak to living a missional life, and those things that you look forward to pursuing in that same vein as your circumstances in life change.

Church Announcements (be in the know & share with your group)

Southeast Christian School Gala is happening November 5, 2021, from 6:30 PM – 10 PM. This amazing fundraiser will have a huge impact on the teachers and students. Click <u>here</u> for tickets or to register for the silent auction piece if you can't attend in person.

REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader."



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Welcome/Introductions (creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone)

Open in Prayer (kickoff every group gathering with honoring the Lord)

Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows (choose one that is best for your group this week)

Weekly Vision Checklist (See Flipbook re: announcements, the "why", goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching)

Ask a Hook Question (a thought-provoking question to get the group heading in the right direction) What's the longest plane ride you've ever been on?

Recap the Message (ask a <u>couple</u> people to share what stood out to them in this week's message)

Scriptures References (Read scriptures **directly from the Bible**—it carries its own authority)

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV), **Matthew** 22:36-40 (ESV), **James** 2:14-18 (ESV), **1 Corinthians** 3:6-9a (ESV), **Matthew** 24:14 (ESV), **Revelation** 11:15-17 (ESV)

Implications (takeaways from the message)

- 1. We each play a part in "planting and watering".
- 2. Disciples make disciples.
- 3. As believers, Jesus' return is our great hope and most anticipated moment.
- 4. God wins.

Discussion Questions (going beyond the surface)

- 1. How does Matthew 28:19 speak to missions?
- 2. What does it mean to be missional?
- 3. What does it look like to be missional without getting on a plane?
- 4. In light of this, what is God prompting you to do?

Prayer Requests (record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.)

Closing Prayer (ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly)