

SERMON: Who are you discipling?

SERIES: Missions Conference

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:42-47

SPEAKER: Pastor Fred Seifert

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THE GOAL: The primary goal of a small group at Grace is to develop a Christian community where Jesus is experienced through the gospel.

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS: Use these questions to explore how God is at work in our families, communities, workplaces, and church.

1. Where have you seen God at work in your life this week?
2. What temptations have you been facing this week? How is God delivering you?
3. How have you experienced God's grace this week?
4. In what ways are you growing in your love for God?
5. In what ways are you growing in your love for others?
6. Have you started or stopped something this week just because you love Jesus?

REVIEW: Use these questions to better understand and apply the passage/sermon.

Observation: as a group talk through and summarize the passage. Think through Who, What, Where, When, How, Why questions together.

Interpretation: answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?
2. What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?
3. What does this passage teach us about salvation/grace?
4. How does this passage point to Christ?

Application: answer these questions together:

1. How does this passage convict you? Encourage you? Inspire you?
2. What specific truth do you see about God (his grace? love? holiness?) and how would your life be different if you really believed it?
3. By God's grace, what commitments do you need to make this week? Or, what do you need to start obeying/believing?

GO DEEPER: Use these questions to go deeper into the passage, minds, and hearts.

1. Read the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20. How did Pastor Fred define a disciple? How would you define a disciple? Why must a true disciple be making disciples?
2. Who are you discipling? Formally? Informally? Or...who are you doing life with while helping them grow in the faith in God and the gospel?
3. What is one way you could create some margin in your life so that you could begin to disciple someone? Who is one person you could "have a cup of coffee" with and start the discipleship process?
4. Read Acts 2:42-47. Pastor Fred pointed out that the early church was devoted to the gospel, social, caring, praying, joyful, and inviting. Can you see evidence of these qualities in the church? In you?

Pray: Praise God for his Great Commission and its effectiveness in bringing people like you to salvation. Confess ways that you have disobeyed God's command to make disciples. Ask God to bring you into a discipling relationship with someone.