

Called to Love Your Neighbors

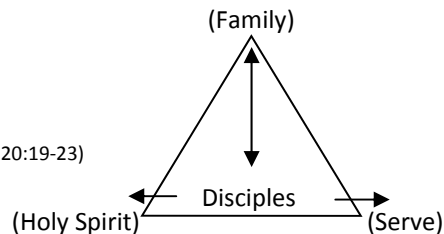
Matt 28:16-20; Jn 17:18-23; Jn 13:34-35

1. Called to Love God (1 John 4:10)
2. Called to Love Others (1 John 4:19) [community]
3. Called to Love our Neighbors
4. Loving Our Neighbors: What does it mean? What does it look like? (Matt 28:16-20)
 - Every moment of every day is the mission of God
 - We are saved by God for the purpose of being sent by God
 - What's the mission? = Making disciples of Jesus Christ that live for the Glory of God in all of life.
5. If people aren't established strongly in the Gospel, then mission devolves into strategy.
6. We are a family of missionary servants:

who are sent, to make disciples, who make disciples, sent to a specific geography or people.

7. How do we love our neighbors?

- Through service! (John 13:34-35)
- Empowered by The Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23)



Action Steps:

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

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In your groups...

1. Imagine that you are being sent to another part of the world together as missionaries. Brainstorm together:
 - A. What will we need to do now to prepare for that? What will need to change in our lives presently to make us effective in making disciples there?
 - B. What will you do when you get there? What activities and practices will you engage in everyday life to effectively make disciples once you are there?
 - C. What do you think your life together will look like Monday through Sunday?
2. Now, in light of the previous exercise, identify a people and place that you together are going to reorient your lives for the purpose of making disciples. It could be your neighborhood, a part of your city or a particular group of people. Then brainstorm together:
 - A. What will we need to do to prepare ourselves for effective missionary work there?
 - B. What practices or activities will you engage in together to effectively make disciples there?
 - C. What will need to change in our everyday lives so that we will be effective in making disciples there? What needs to stay, go or be added to your present lifestyle?
 - D. What will it look like when all is as it should be on your mission?
3. Finally, how will you know if you are accomplishing the mission? What will be the key metrics that enable you to measure your success on the mission? Brainstorm together:
 - A. What outcomes will be indicators that we are accomplishing the mission (i.e. baptisms, leaders raised up, a good reputation in the neighborhood, new churches started, etc.)?
 - B. What faith goals do you want to set? A faith goal is something you want to ask God to accomplish through your efforts (i.e. 1:1 ratio of conversion—every member gets to lead someone to faith in Jesus and baptize them).
 - C. What work goals are necessary to give possibility to the faith goals (i.e. every person identifies 2-3 non-believing friends of whom they will pray for daily, eat one meal a week with and pray for opportunities to share the gospel)?
4. What will have to change in your life, group or church in order to begin to faithfully work out the mission of your group?

