



Mosaic Boston Vision

Community Group Study Guide: Week of September 3, 2023

Mosaic Boston aspires to:

1. Joyfully become...

We aspire to do all our kingdom work joyfully. We respond to what God has done for us, so that our actions come from a sincere desire to follow Christ, not solely out of obligation, but to bring glory to our Father.

2. ... A Worldwide Kingdom Building Force...

We believe that God has placed His Church in a strategic position like Boston, so that the faithful witness of His people might influence the world. We see ourselves as being upstream of the culture, with the capacity to influence all that comes after us. We work like an aircraft carrier, in which saints of God are equipped for the work of the ministry and returned to the fight. Many "land" briefly, are built up, refueled, and sent out into different fronts on the battlefield. Mosaic aspires to play its role as a Kingdom building force.

3. ... By Proclaiming, Believing, and Obeying the Whole Counsel of God...

God's word is the most impactful and important means by which we can fulfill the aspiration of building God's Kingdom. This is why, as a Church, we aspire to submit and preach the whole counsel of God. We know that at times that will produce opposition, but we believe salt becomes worthless if it loses its saltiness. Our aim is to lovingly declare all of God's commands and decrees... and to unashamedly stand upon them.

4. ... And thereby building men and women of God committed to the Great Mission...

One of the desired outcomes of proclaiming, believing, and obeying the whole counsel of God is that we would follow the prescribed outcomes of God. One such outcome of this obedience is the Great Mission. God made humanity, and commanded them to be fruitful, to multiply, and to establish dominion over the earth. To that end, we desire

DISCUSSION GOALS

Head

Jesus is the cornerstone of our lives. His example, His word, and His shape our entire lives. We look to Him to model ourselves and to orient our direction in this world. When we do this, we have a life that has tremendous purpose by fulfilling the great mission, commandment, and commission.

Heart

The salvation of the world has come because of God's love for it. God stayed His wrath for us, and sent His Son to stand in our place. Love is the initiator and sustainer of all that we do. We look to Christ, and His example, when we face the world around us.

Hands

As a Church, we desire to be faithful to all that God has commanded us to do. This means we submit to the directives God has ordained, and that we abstain from all He has restricted. We do all of this with joy, as we look to the eternal Kingdom work God is doing through our faithful service.

that God would make us a Church that pursues such outcomes. We desire that the labor of our hands produces the flourishing of everything around us. We aim to give to the Lord Godly offspring (Malachi 2:15), by having and raising our children in the love and admonition of Him. Finally, we desire to see God have dominion everywhere. This starts with ourselves, and should affect every aspect of our influence. Furthermore, we should seek greater influence, so that we might see an increase in dominion of the Lord.

5. ... The Great Commandment...

On one hand, we are commanded to pursue the directives of God. On the other, we are command to flee from what God has restricted. While these restrictions are present throughout scripture, they are most clearly articulated in the Ten Commandments. These are clearly defined guardrails for our conduct, designed to prevent us from folly, and direct us towards flourishing. As we submit ourselves to the full counsel of God, these commandments must direct our actions.

6. ... The Great Commission.

We love Christ, because He loved us first. He initiated the relationship. He sought us, and called us to repentance and new life. Likewise, He commands us to follow in His footsteps. As Christians, we are instructed to preach the Gospel; the good news of all that Jesus has done. We have been entrusted with the message of salvation that is for all people. The most loving thing we can do is to proclaim this message, and in so doing, we obediently participate in the process of God saving His people.

Our Vision: Mosaic Boston aspires to joyfully become a worldwide kingdom building force by proclaiming, believing, and obeying the whole counsel of God, and thereby building men and women of God committed to the Great Mission, Great Commandment, and Great Commission.

1. As a Church, we aspire to be joyful in all of our pursuits. Is this joy simply emotional? Why or why not? How do we address a lack of joy in the pursuit of the Kingdom of God?
2. Mosaic aims to play our role in becoming a worldwide Kingdom building force. How do we do that? What is unique to the manner or fashion in which Mosaic serves in this capacity? What challenges does it present?
3. What is meant by “proclaiming, believing, and obeying the whole counsel of God?” In what areas do we see this principle challenged in our current culture? What are the consequences of not apply this principle? What are the consequence of properly applying it?
4. What is the “Great Mission.” How does it impactful your daily life? What changes or challenges does this directive carry with it?
5. What is the “Great Commandment?” Which of these do you find the most challenging? How should we respond to those who reject some or all of the commandments?
6. Why is the proper response to what Jesus has accomplished to tell everyone about it? How is it unloving to not proclaim this news? What specific challenges are you faced with in obeying the command to evangelize?
7. Considering the vision of Mosaic... What area do you find the most challenging? What ways has God grown or encouraged you to more pursue His Kingdom?