

Discussion Questions for “The Context to Change the World”
The Master Plan to Change the World Series

1. Read Mt. 28:18-20

- Why is this traditionally known as the Great Commission? What can we distill of Jesus' words as the call to change the world? How would this actually change the world?
- Why is it important not to merely talk about being a disciple but a disciple who makes disciples? What's the difference?

2. Yancey argued that if discipleship is God's plan to change the world, then a “community of growth” is the context to achieve that plan.

- Why is community catalytic to growth? Can you give example of groups that are formed to maximize a specific passion, practice, or belief?
- Why would one believe that spiritual growth, then, best happens in group?

3. Read Ac. 2:42-47.

- What has just happened to the church in the previous verses (e.g., 3000 people added)? What's the value of a large community of faith?
- What did the early Christians in Jerusalem do in addition to their large gatherings? Why did they break it down into a smaller group?
- What activities stand out to you as they meet in smaller community groups?

4. Read Col. 3:11.

- What does this passage tell us about what God does through Christ concerning a people? How are followers of Jesus a new people of God's kingdom?
- What does this tell us about the importance of growing together spiritually?
- Why would some pushback on doing community and pursue Jesus alone? What reasons would they give? How does this reveal not a sense of independence as much as unbelief in the gospel?

5. How can this group maximize our time together to grow as followers of Jesus (citizens, family, missionaries)?

- How has group personally helped you in your spiritual journey?
- What is your biggest joy of group; your biggest challenge; your biggest prayer?