



Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series: The Movement – The Plan: Week 3 (July 9, 2023)

This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon. We encourage families and groups to use it. When we hear God's Word, we need to do more than listen. The bible says, "Be doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22). Step 1: GATHER with your family or group. Step 2: REVIEW and DISCUSS the key points and scriptures from the sermon. Step 3: PRAY for the prayer requests shared by your family or group.

DISCUSSION STARTER

In your own words how would you answer: What is the role of Christian leaders in the church? And, what is the role of each of us in the church?

DIGGING DEEPER 1

Read Ephesians 4:11-12. Pastor Sam stated that "God's division creates multiplication. When you divide a group, your potential to impact the Kingdom of God multiplies." How does this look in the church? How do we accomplish this? What is the reason we don't multiply? According to this verse in Ephesians what is the role of church leaders? What is the role of everyone else in the church? What can destroy the potential of the church? The entire body of Christ are to be co-workers with Him in the field sharing the Gospel and expanding God's Kingdom.

DIGGING DEEPER 2

Read 1 Corinthians 12:7; John 15:26, 16:7. Every single Christ follower is already equipped to accomplish their purpose. How? Whom is the advocate? What does advocate mean? What is the Holy Spirit bestowing on us? The Holy Spirit bestows on each believer spiritual gifts so we will have an advantage in being profitable to bring people together to accomplish the purpose of Christ, the Holy Spirit equips us to continue the work of Christ. How have we gotten away from the model of Christ?

DIGGING DEEPER 3

Read Mark 3:13-14. Using your favorite Bible study tool, what does it mean that Jesus sent them out to preach? What are we seeing here in this passage? Jesus came to teach the few how to reach the many. We are the few today. CF has a goal to train and equip leaders who train and equip others in their faith to fulfill the mandate of Christ. How will you take advantage of this? Small groups must intentionally look outward, not inward. How do we shift from social gatherings to intentional disciple making? Jesus has called all of us to make disciples who replicate disciple makers. How do we do this? Jesus sent them out. This is our Biblical example. We must change our mentality from bringing someone to church so the pastor can tell them about Jesus. What must our mentality be? Jesus' Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) to every believer calls us to do what? What is the promise of verse 20? What does Jesus tell us in Matt. 16:24? Don't underestimate your potential as a replicator. You have to remember Jesus used regular guys who were fishermen. Before Jesus sent them out to replicate, he had to teach and demonstrate. At CF we want to be intentional on how we train you and equip you to be a successful bible teacher, equipper, and disciple maker.

DOING THE WORD

Pray how you can take advantage of the different opportunities for being equipped by CF's groups and training and teaching pathways. As you grow in the faith and apply the Word to your own life, look for ways to impart God's truth to others. I encourage you not to grow weary in the work (and it is work!) Helping others grow in Christ is kind of like raising kids. It's a long process, and in church terms, you no sooner get some out of the nest and on their own, but there are more needing to grow in Christ. If you're not involved at all in ministry to other believers, pray and recover your first love for Him. But, also, look around for new people in the church that need a friend. Older couples should look for younger couples who need mentors. Invite them over to your home and get to know them. The point is, get out of the stands and onto the playing field, Christianity is not a spectator sport! If you need more equipping, then get equipped. But use what you've got in the work of service toward other believers. In that way, God's church will grow to maturity in Christ. His Kingdom rule will be extended through us. And, the world will get a glimpse, however imperfect, of the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Let's lead a movement!