weekly guide

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Talking through the weekly message helps you turn information into application. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you make the next move.

City Group Icebreaker: Questions to Get You Talking

In your opinion, what does it mean to love God, love others and make disciples? Let's talk about it in your city group.

Key Scriptures: 37 And He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the great and foremost commandment.39 The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." *Matthew 22:37-40*

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and Io, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." *Matthew 28:19-20*

Big Idea of the Message: Our greatest purpose and commandment in life is to love God, love others and make disciples, that's the heart of the matter!

Message Study: The Essential Inductive Questions

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- How did God speak to you in the passage?

Move Up. Connect To Christ

- Did you make space for loving Christ this week?
- · What is in the way of you loving Christ with all your heart, soul, mind and strength?
- · What is in the way of you connecting and conforming to the character of Christ?

Move Out. Connect To Culture.

- Did you love others (family, friends, community, city) the way you loved self?
- How are you living lives, with others (movement city group members) in pursuit of Jesus and his likeness?
- What is in the way of you connecting to Culture?

Move In. Connect Culture To Christ.

- What can you model and teach? What does God want you to share with someone this week?
- What have you done lately to "build a bridge" for the purpose of sharing the gospel?
- What is in the way of you connecting the culture to Culture (making disciples)?

Application Point: Connect to Christ, connect to culture, connect the culture to Christ.

Start Praying. Praise God that He is relational and gives us an all-satisfying relationship with Him through Jesus. Confess your inability to love and obey Him apart from His grace. Pray that He would become your ultimate treasure and greatest delight.