

Living as a community intentionally focused on cultivating the life of Christ in others.

GROUP GUIDE - No Plan B - Wk 1

ARRIVAL / CONNECTING and SNACK 15 minutes

Spend the first 15 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing with one another. If your group met last week, follow up on one another's action steps.

PRAY BRIEFLY FOR YOUR TIME TOGETHER: 2 minutes

Open in prayer - for teachable hearts, for ears to hear from God, and for eyes to see one another.

SCRIPTURE READING #1: Jesus' Great Commission [God's Plan A]

Have everyone open their Bibles to <u>Matthew 28:16-20</u> while one person reads aloud, slowly enough for everyone to enjoy. Discuss the questions that follow.

- 1. This passage is often referred to as the "Great Commission." What components do you see in Jesus' charge here? What does the "Great Commission" involve?
- 2. To whom does Jesus give his "Great Commission?" What does that mean for you?

SCRIPTURE READING #2: Why God's Plan A Matters

Philippians 2:9-11

John 3:36

1 Cor. 9:22-23

- 1. What purposes for the Great Commission do you see in these three texts? How are they different? What do they have in common?
- 2. Which purpose(s) most motivates you to get involved in making disciples?

SCRIPTURE READING #3: Everyone On The Team

Acts 13:2-3

- 1. What does it mean for a church family to "set apart" people for ministry?
- 2. What percent of Christians should be "set apart" for specific ministry efforts?

SCRIPTURE READING #4: Prayer Makes Us Partners

Romans 15:30

- 1. What does Paul mean by "join me in my struggle by praying?"
- 2. As part of our church family, who should we be praying for?
- 3. Who will you commit to "join in their struggle" through prayer this week?

SURRENDER: 15 minutes

- 1. What is one thing God is saying to you through today's study and discussion?
- 2. What are you willing to ask God to help you change in light of what you've learned?

CLOSING PRAYER: (10 minutes)Pray for one another in light of what was shared today.