

JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

“Discipleship as Evangelism”

Community Group Curriculum for week of February 8, 2015

Bottom Line: When we make disciples who make disciples, we reach the world one person at a time.

Opening Questions

- What or who influenced you towards your current (or previous) career?
- Describe a conversation, meeting or a series of events with a friend, a mentor, a boss, a family member, a pastor, or brother/sister in Christ that dramatically altered the course of your life.

Now let's look at the most important, impactful meeting of all time for the entire world...

1. Read Matthew 28:16-20

- Christ invested approximately three years with His disciples before giving them this command. How does this relationship with His disciples demonstrate the relationship between community and disciple-making?
- How do we often separate disciple-making and community?
- How is community an integral part of disciple-making?

2. Read again Matthew 28:19

- What is Jesus' command in verse 19?
- Does Jesus give instructions on how to make disciples? What does this mean to us today?
- How did Jesus illustrate disciple-making with His life? What did He use to teach His disciples?

3. Read again Matthew 28:18-20

- Jesus gave us “action” commands. Define each one:

Go:

Make disciples:

Baptizing them:

Teaching them:

- What is significant in the fact that Jesus told His disciples to go to others instead of bringing them to the temple?
 - Jesus indicates that He is sending out His followers with His authority and His presence. How do these truths affect how His followers share the gospel with others?
4. Read John 17. This passage is the beginning of Jesus' prayer for His disciples before the events of His crucifixion took place. In this prayer, Jesus mentions only His disciples and His work in them and through them.
- Based on this passage, what does Jesus indicate is the legacy of His work on earth?
 - What was Jesus' plan for these few men? How was His relationship with them to affect their lives and the way that they lived in the world?
 - Does Jesus' plan for His disciples look differently than the way that we often function in the church? How?
 - Does the legacy that we desire to leave differ from Jesus'?

So what can I do?

1. Finish the 40 Days of Prayer
2. Commit to being a disciple-making disciple

What can RCC do?

1. RCC has already begun training small group coaches and leaders in the principles of disciple-making so that we can be a church that makes disciples who makes disciples.

Final Thought: What if we were the generation that saw the world reached for Christ?

40 Days of Prayer

All of RCC is encouraged to go through 40 Days of Prayer in conjunction with the series "Journey of a Lifetime." Included below are the topics and passages for days 29-35 (also available at riverlakeschurch.org under RCC Blogs).

Day 29: Great Commission Fulfills OT Promises
Genesis 12:1-3; Isaiah 49:6

Day 30: Great Commission Restores Relationships
Romans 5:1-2; Colossians 3:12-14

Day 31: Great Commission and the Kingdom
1 John 3:8; Luke 10:17-19; Acts 26:17-18

Day 32: Great Commission Fulfilled With Christ
Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8

Day 33: Great commission Gives Purpose
John 10:10; Isaiah 43:7; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Day 34: Great Commission Brings Peace
Psalm 46:9-10; Luke 2:13-14; Romans 12:18

Day 35: Fulfilling the Great Commission
Matthew 24:3, 6-8, 14