

Discovering the Father's Heart

Work in groups of 2-5, read each passage below and write a simple summary of what the passage reveals about God's heart and desire for our world.

- Genesis 12:1-3 (focus on 3b)
- Exodus 9:16
- Isaiah 49:6
- Psalms 67:1-7
- Psalms 86:9
- Habakkuk 2:14
- Malachi 1:11
- Galatians 3:8
- Matthew 24:14
- John 17:13-19
- Luke 15:1-10
- 1 Timothy 2:3-4
- Revelation 5:9
- Revelation 7:9
- Revelation 22:1-5
- 2 Peter 3:9
- Matthew 28:18-20
- Acts 1:8
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

In light of these passages, what are the basic desires of God for our world?

In light of these verses, what do you think it would look like if God's kingdom came and His will were done completely in your context (your family, neighborhood, city or region)? And what about for the world's 2 billion who have no access to the gospel?

Gospel Conversation Hammer

Work in groups of 2-5. Read each passage aloud two times. For each, answer the following questions with a few words or a short phrase.

1. Who was the speaker?
2. Who was the receiver?
3. What was being spoken or shared?
4. What else stands out to you?

Passages

- Acts 4:31
- Acts 5:42
- Acts 6:7
- Acts 8:4
- Acts 8:31
- Acts 11:19-20
- Acts 19:9-10
- 1 Thessalonians 1:8
- Philippians 1:14
- Colossians 1:7
- 2 Timothy 4:5
- 1 Peter 1:12

How can you apply the lessons learned from these passages to your own life?

Discovering the Person of Peace

Work in groups of 2-5.

Read Luke 9:1-6 two times out loud.

Jesus identifies two types of people who respond in two different ways to the proclamation of the kingdom through word and deed. How would you describe these two types of people?

How does Jesus instruct his disciples to respond to each type of person?

Answer the following questions for each of the scripture passages below. We want to discover if Jesus was modeling a strategy in Luke 9:1-6 that he intended to use as a method for reaching new areas where the gospel had not yet gone.

1. Are the people in this story part of Jesus' relational network (friends, family, co-workers, neighbors), or are they strangers to Jesus when the encounter happens?
2. How did the lost people in the story respond to their encounter with Jesus?
3. How did Jesus respond to those who rejected the good news? And to those who accepted the good news?
4. What was the fruit of the encounter with Jesus?

Passages

Luke 9:51-56; Luke 9:57-62; Luke 18:18-24; John 4:1-30; 39-42; Mark 2:13:17; Mark 5:1-20 & (Mark 7:31 - 8:1); Luke 19:1-10

Discovering Relational Network

Work in groups of 2-5. For each, answer the following questions with a few words or a short phrase.

1. For each person, who was in their relational network in the passage?
 2. How did God reach or save their relational network?
- Noah - Gen. 6:8-10, 18; 7:1
 - Abraham - Gen. 18:19
 - Lot - Gen. 19:12-15
 - Joseph - Gen. 45:5-11; 50:20
 - Rahab - Joshua 2:18
 - Shunammite Woman - 2 Kings 8:1-2
 - Demoniac - Mark 5:15-20
 - Samaritan Woman - John 4:39-42
 - Cana Official - John 4:53
 - Dorcas - Acts 9:36-42
 - Cornelius - Acts 10:22-24; 11:14-15
 - Lydia - Acts 16:13-15
 - Philippian Jailer - Acts 16:32-34
 - Stephanas and Crispus - Acts 18:8; 1 Cor. 16:15
 - Jesus - Acts 1:14

Discovering Obedience in Scripture

Work in groups of 2-5. Read each passage aloud two times. For each, answer the following questions with a few words or a short phrase.

- Genesis 1:28
 - Exodus 15:26
 - Deuteronomy 30:16
 - Joshua 1:8
 - 1 Samuel 15:22
 - Psalm 119:1-5
 - Jeremiah 7:22-23
 - Matthew 7:24-27
 - Luke 11:27-28
 - John 14:15
 - John 14:21
 - John 14:23
 - Acts 5:29
 - Romans 2:12-13
 - James 1:22
 - 1 John 2:3-6
 - 1 John 5:2-3
1. What is the general expectation and attitude toward obeying God in the scriptures?
 2. What is or has been your general expectation and attitude toward obeying God?
 3. What are the general blessings and benefits of an obedient life?
 4. If your expectations and attitudes toward obeying God differs from scripture, what do you think has caused that and what do you need to do in order to bring your attitude and expectations in line with the word of God?

Discovering Disciple Making Prayer

Work in groups of 2-5. Read each passage aloud two times. For each, answer the following questions with a few words or a short phrase.

- Mark 1:35
 - Luke 11:1-4
 - John 17:6-20
 - 1 Corinthians 1:4-6
 - Ephesians 1:16-18
 - Philippians 1:9-11
 - Colossians 1:9-12
 - 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:9b
 - 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12
 - 1 Timothy 2:1-3
 - 2 Timothy 1:3
 - Philemon 6
1. What is the role of prayer in the disciple making processes of Jesus and Paul?
 2. In general, how much is Paul praying for his disciples?
 3. How much am I praying for those whom I am discipling?
 4. How is the Lord inviting me to respond to these scriptures in my own life?