

Small Group News

Family Night (Rialto Menu: Chick=Fil-A): Wed 2/26

Men's Chili Cook-off: March 7th 11am-1PM (Rialto)

Pray for: Easter Planning, Small Groups

Small Group Questions
For the week of February 23rd, 2020

Love Where You Live (Part4)
Matthew 28:16-20

INTRODUCTION

Throughout the month of February, the teaching series will focus on the Great Commandment. February is often associated with love and we want to focus on Jesus' words in Matthew 22 when He chose "Love God and Love others" as the greatest commandments. Our focus will be on the second commandment to love those around us, right where we live.

The focus of the week: **Making Disciples**

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. Take a moment and have everyone in the group share or discuss their neighborhood map that was handed out for the series (see sample below). Have you had opportunities to interact with your neighbors? If not, why? Was it easy or difficult? Explain. Share any stories that have resulted from your efforts.

HOW TO LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

1. **Start With A Name:** Write your neighbors name in the squares

2. **More Than A Name:** Write something you know about your neighbors under their name

3. **Jesus Knows Their Name:** Pray for them daily and invite them to Sunrise

Put this card in a place you will see each day

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DIGGING DEEPER

1. In Matthew 28:17 we are told that “some doubted.” Is God okay with doubt and what else does the bible say about doubt?

Read: John 20:19-31 & John 21; Matthew 26:36-46; Psalm 73

Give examples of doubt in people you know. Discuss the differences (and similarities) between unbelieving doubt and doubt that may challenge a believer. What should be the response to doubt by a Christian? What has been your experience when it comes to doubting? Can God use doubt to grow us?

2. Jesus told His disciples to go and make disciples and promised He’d be with them always; but how? And what does that look like?

Read: John 4 & 5:1-17;

Why are stories so powerful? What do these incidents from Jesus’ life tell you about what attracts people to God? What kept people from believing? What does someone need to know before helping others become disciples of Jesus?

Read: Matthew 28:18-20

What do you think is meant by “the name” in verse 19? How are we supposed to teach people what Jesus commanded (hint: it’s not in a classroom)? When can someone be considered a disciple? What does it take to “make” a disciple (what do we need to be ready to do?) and what role will God play in the process? What did Jesus mean when He promised to be with us always as we make disciples?

TAKING IT HOME

Take some time and write out your story. Include details about how your life was before you knew God. Describe the circumstances that made you turn to God or listen to God for the first time. Finish with what your life has been like since trusting and following Jesus. Try to get your story down to under 5 minutes. Now try and get it under 3 minutes. Work on telling your story so that you are ready to invite others to “come and see.”

GROUP PRAYER

