



Small Group Discussion Guide

ICE BREAKER: Are you a Christmas Music fan? If so, what do you listen to?

INSTRUCTIONS: If your group meets bi-weekly, do 1 & 4.

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8. Pastor Tom explained how going to Sauk Rapids is like us going to both our Judea and Samaria. How does that make you feel and think in fulfilling what Christ has called us to do? In what ways can you and your group make this multisite launch a part of your lives? Pastor Tom also shared that there are 24,000 college students at 4 colleges and universities as well as many immigrants (5.5% of the population). Reaching these groups not only helps us reach our Judea and Samaria but potentially the “ends of the earth” as well. How could you and your group be praying that we could impact the “ends of the earth” through reaching these populations?
2. Read Matthew 9:35-38. Jesus challenged His disciples to pray for “workers.” Take some time now as a group to pray for God to prepare many to go as workers into this new field (Sauk Rapids). Pray specifically that people who are attending our Big Lake campus who live closer to Sauk Rapids would see what next step God has for them.
3. Are any of you sensing a call to go? If so, please describe what you are experiencing. Pray specifically for anyone you know who has expressed an interest to go as well as those we will be reaching in that area.
4. Read John 17:18. To be a Christ-follower means we are sent into the world to reach people. Who has reached out to you and helped you in your faith journey? Share that story with one another. How can you reach out to others in the next 3 months?

Personal Guide for Week of December 3rd

- DAY 1 - Read Matthew 28:16-20** – Do you feel a personal challenge from this passage?
- DAY 2 - Read Matthew 9** – What does this passage show you about Jesus’ love for people? How does He act out that love?
- DAY 3 - Read Matthew 9** – What does this passage show you about how you could love others?
- DAY 4 - Read Acts 1:1-11** – Pray for the new Sauk Rapids campus. Pray that God enable us to reach our Judea, Samaria, and the Ends of the Earth.
- DAY 5 - Read Luke 10:1-37** – How can you personally reach out to someone today? Invite someone to the Christmas Production.

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is Why

ONE CHURCH. MULTIPLE CAMPUSES. ONE FAMILY.

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DISCUSSION & PERSONAL GUIDES

“This Is Why: We Go”

Week of 12/3/17



“This is Why: We Go”
[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

Note Mark 1:38

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Note John 4; Matthew 16:21; Luke 9:51; Matthew 26:46

When Jesus tells His followers to “Go into all the world...go and make disciples”, etc., He’s simply calling us to follow His _____.

So where does Jesus want us to go?

1. Here, _____, and Everywhere (note Acts 1:8)

HERE (i.e., Jerusalem and _____); THERE (i.e., _____); EVERYWHERE (ends of the earth).

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So what will be the _____ to get us to follow Jesus here, there and everywhere?

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Note Matthew 9:35-38 and Mark 1:38

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And Jesus tells us to pray...do you hear Jesus calling you _____...

3. P_____ His Prayer for Us

Note John 17:18

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4. Embrace His C_____ to Us (note John 20:21)

_____ times in John’s Gospel Jesus talked about “Him who sent Me”.

Jesus is sending us to people...to tell them with our L_____ and our w_____ the greatest good news there is (note John 3:16).

This is Why:

- This is why we go.
- We _____ Jesus who was always going...to save us from our sins.
- Will you go...?

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