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COMMUNITY CHURCH

GLOBAL FOCUS

Deeply rooted by engaging in the great commission.

A special Community Group Guide about God's glory and the calling of the church.

- **"Let's start with prayer."**

- **Discuss the teaching text from the Global Focus Weekend.**
 - Start by reading **Matthew 28:16-20** aloud together.

 - Share a takeaway from the Global Focus sermon.
"Is there something the Holy Spirit highlighted for you?"

 - Discuss the TASK in the text.
 - Jesus tells us to "go." Evaluate this statement: *your whole life is a missions trip.*
 - Where does this feel like it could be true?
 - Does "mission" feel like it's more for the "professional Christians?" Why?
 - Is there something in Matthew 28 (or elsewhere in the Bible) that would challenge or encourage you in this?
 - Jesus tells us to "make disciples."
 - Discipleship is about helping people mature in following Jesus. Who are you helping to follow Jesus right now? Or: who could you be more intentional with that you're already in relationship with?
(For example, it could be a person you're helping move from seeker to believer, or from new Christian to mature Christian.)
 - *Item for prayer later: How can we as a group pray for you in light of this question?*

- Discuss the MOTIVATION in the text.
 - What does Matthew 28 indicate is the motivation for the task?
 - What motivates you personally from this text?
 - What other biblical motivations do we have to support / be involved in God's mission? Any other Bible verses come to mind?
 - Evaluate this statement: *Missions exists because worship doesn't.*
 - These words are from author and pastor John Piper, who elaborates that "Missions is our way of saying: the joy of knowing Christ is not a private, or tribal, or national or ethnic privilege. It is for all. And that's why we go. Because we have tasted the joy of worshiping Jesus, and we want all the families of the earth included."
 - How does the "worship of God" fit into your ideas about "why" we go on mission? (Look up **Psalm 96:3, Isaiah 12:4, and 1 Peter 2:9-10** to discuss what you see about the connection between a) glory: the praise of God's name, and b) mission: the power of God in saving people).

- Discuss the CALLING from the text.
 - What do you suspect is the biggest obstacle for you in engaging the mission of God more fully than you currently do? It might not be something "bad" or "sinful," but could it be something that is distracting you or something your time/money is committed to (which may limit you in serving God).
 - Take a moment to think about your answer. Then, if willing: share with your group and challenge yourself to invite their input as to what you could do about this.
 - We naturally and enthusiastically tell others about the things we love or find "glorious."
 - *Item for prayer later: based on our discussion, what help do you need to see God as more glorious based on where you're at in life right now?*
 - *Alternatively: Is there something God has recently done in your life that excites you to share with this group? Or to share with someone else as a springboard for telling them about Jesus?*

- **"Let's finish our time with prayer:"**
 - Pray for those far from God that you personally know, by name.
 - Pray for the items that were shared above.
 - Pray for our church that we would be increasingly effective in helping people become deeply rooted followers of Jesus in our city!