



CHRIST COMMISSION FELLOWSHIP

Dgroup Discussion Guide

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CCF Los Angeles – Second Anniversary

WORSHIP: Blessed be the Name of the Lord/ Great God/ God of this City/ Our Heart

WELCOME:

Imagine yourself as a sales person of office supplies. Bear in mind that your products are close to impossible to sell because they are unpopular, unbranded and more expensive. These companies you are selling to are already clients of Staples or Office Warehouse. Your company is Ministry Supplies. How would you approach the company? What strategies would you use in order to sell or convince someone to purchase your merchandise? What would you do in order to draw attention to your products? What is your point of sale tactic?

WORD:

“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “ All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you ^{always}, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

God’s promise has made all the difference for us as His Great Commission continues to be our guiding purpose and reason for being.

The Great Commission is intimacy with God. The Great Commission is God’s presence.

In Exodus 33, we see the benefits of being intimate with God. When we are intimate with God we are:

1. Favored and distinguished
2. Rested. Provided for and protected from

What does Intimacy with God mean? Intimacy with God . . .

- When you are close to and like best of friends with God
- When God calls you by name, on a first name basis with God
- When there is no barrier --- just an open door policy with God. Very much like a father-son/ father-daughter relationship
- When you see eye to eye with God

What is the purpose statement of CCF LA?

CCF LA exists to make loving committed followers of Christ who will make loving committed followers of Christ up to the third and fourth generations in obedience to the Great Commission.

- We are in the business of saving souls through spiritual transformation.
- That in the process of transformation, we become more Christ like. It is in the process of teaching/ learning to observe all that Jesus has commanded to us that we become more like Him.
- When we do this, we make God smile. When He is pleased and happy, He is intimate with us. When He is intimate with us, we are in His presence.

Saving souls is what brings the highest glory, highest joy and highest pleasure to God. When we realize that, we will understand why God sent His only Son to die for us because it is all about our salvation.

- Making people believe in Jesus for their salvation and transformation towards Christ-likeness through bible study and discipleship is the very heart of the Gospel.
- God’s redemption plan of human kind who will perish because of sin is realized in the Great Commission. The Great Commission is realized when we bring one soul to the kingdom God is most pleased for it is the one closest to His heart. Remember the story in Luke 15:3-7

Moses said *“let me know your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight.”* How can we do this? Through bible study, through discipleship.

The one recurring theme of the bible from Genesis to Revelation is this: The great God of the universe has decided to create and set apart for Himself a group of people who will praise, honor, glorify and serve Him forever and ever. And through these people He will display His power, His mercy, His grace and His glory.

- To make this possible God had to redeem us from our sins. It started from the Jews and spread to the gentiles. He had to redeem these people, so that he can gather them together in the future in heaven because of what Christ has done. And that is why Christ was sent.
- The great commission is part of this plan and that is why He gave us the great commission.

God delights in the fulfillment of the Great Commission. And if God is delighted, then He is here with us. His presence will go with us. He will give us rest. And He will distinguish us from the rest of the world.

Delighting in the great commission is delighting in God. So if we want to delight ourselves in the Lord, which is the secret to being presence driven, and He will give us the desires of our heart. Delight in the Lord and not on the things He can give us. But God wants us to delight in Him and Him alone. For who He is. For what He has done. And For what He is about to do.

Let us then get excited with God. He is the victor.

Getting excited with God allows us to have confidence that God will never leave us, nor forsake us. That he is bigger than any of our problems. That He is bigger than any of our circumstances. When we understand this, then we focus on God and not on the things He gives us and even when we undergo trials and lose these things, we are not affected because we have confidence in God's faithfulness. When we learn how to focus on God alone, we become excited about what God will do and what God will do in our lives.

The Great Commission is not a duty or a job. It is not a point based system to get to heaven. If we look at it that way, then we will tire out. We will get burnt out. We lose our focus, we lose our purpose. We lose out on the opportunity to be used by God. We lose out on an opportunity to bless others because we have been blessed. We lose out an opportunity of being a part of God's great plan.

Discussion:

1. If the Great Commission is delighting in God to be deeper in His presence?
2. What is hindering me from being disciple?
3. What is hindering me from discipling others?

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As we bask in the celebration of our second anniversary, we remember that God *know the plans that He has for us, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give us a future and a hope. Then we can call upon Him and come and pray to Him, and He will listen to us. If we seek Him and find Him when we search for Him with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:11-13* But as we continue to seek Him, we must take time to search our hearts and ask ourselves?

Have I:

1. Truly accepted Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior?
2. Have I committed myself to continue to GROW as a child of God? Am I participating in a discipleship group?
3. Am I being disciplined? Am I being burdened to disciple?
4. Have I committed myself to serve the Lord?
5. Have I really found and pursued intimacy with God?

How have I contributed to the Great Commission? What is God asking me to do? How does God want to use us to glorify His name?

Let us continue to pray for each other as we continue to pursue intimacy with God through reading His word, through time alone with Him, through our quiet time, through listening to Him, as we continue to practice His presence in our daily lives. Let us remember that God doesn't choose people who are equipped to do ministry, He chooses us and then equips us for the task. Happy Anniversary CCF LA.