

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of April 15-16, 2023

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

Seeing People

(Matthew 9:35-38, Luke 10)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together Matthew 9:35-38 & Luke 10.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

If you've been walking the life of a believer for any amount of time, you've probably heard the call to be "sent" (John 21:20).

What has been your emotional response to that call? Excitement? Intimidation? Feeling ill-equipped? Well prepared? Something else? Elaborate.

If your response has changed over time, share what that evolution has looked like.

Pastor Alan highlighted that “the why” is critically important to any movement and that we find “the why” to our Christian call in John 3:16 with that “why” being love. But he also pointed out that many churches have given (maybe unintentionally) a “why” that is centered around guilt and fear.

How much have guilt and fear, if at all, been a source of your “why” to following God’s call of being sent?

And if these emotions have been significantly present, how has that impacted your heart or actions?

And how about the “why” of love?

If that has been a prominent answer to your “why” in being sent, how has that impacted your heart and actions?

As a way of reflecting on the power of love as a “why,” where have you seen love empower you to act in ways you never would have otherwise (with your family, a friend, a pet, someone hurting, etc.)?

Now share how Jesus’ love for you has impacted you?

When you realize that many people don’t know this love of Jesus, what stirs in you?

As an initial step in our response to “being sent,” Pastor Alan challenged us to “See people through the lens of love.”

In Matthew 9:35-38, we see that Jesus “... saw the crowds and had compassion on them.”

How challenging or easy is it for you to see the people around you through the lens of love versus a lens of labels based on their words, their age, their clothing, their job, etc.?

Pastor Alan gave us the assignment this week of looking at those around us through the lens of love.

If you’ve been embracing this assignment, how has that been going?

If you’ve been struggling to embrace it, what is hindering you? And what might empower you to start engaging with this invitation?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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