



## Disciples on Mission Discussion Questions

### THE CONVERSATION

- In the podcast, David, Nate, and Alan make the case that to effectively make disciples that can make disciples, they must be on Jesus' mission together. From your perspective, if we don't equip our disciples to follow Jesus in his mission, in what ways will their emotional and spiritual development be hindered?
- Outside of a general answer of Jesus or the Gospel, what would you say are the spiritual needs of your community? What are some ways that you could better discern what those needs are?
  - One way we wanted to make you aware of: The district office has access to a tool called Mission Insite that we can provide to our district churches at no cost. It includes demographic data and spiritual belief surveys for your specific community. Please reach out to our office and we can help you get this helpful information.
- For us to be disciples on mission, we must continue to grow relationships with people outside of the church community.
  - First consider these questions for yourself, how many times over the past 3-6 months have you had a faith conversation with someone that is not a believer? If your answer was none, then how far back would you have to go to remember the last conversation like that that you had?
  - Second, for your church, on a scale of 1-4, how open would you say that they are to welcoming outsiders into their homes and/or lives? (We're not talking about welcoming them to a church service. We are thinking of their personal lives.)
  - Third, regardless of the answers to the questions above, where are the "natural pathways" in your life that the Lord could be using to help you build relationships with others that are not yet Christians?
- What are some of the specific areas that your church needs to be trained so that it becomes normal for people in your congregation to share the good news of Jesus with people God has placed in their lives? (e.g., starting up new conversations, practicing hospitality, etc.)
- Please take a few moments to personally and quietly reflect on the conversation that you have had as you walked through these discussion questions. Then each person, please write a short (think 3-6 sentences) prayer to God asking him for the faith to be disciples on mission and for the eyes to see his divine activity in the world around you. After everyone has written their prayer, please have each person read theirs aloud with no comments, just the prayers and offer them up to the Lord.