

State of the Church: Vision

Matthew 28:18-20

December 30, 2012

Connecting together to worship God 1 Cor. 12:19-25

Equipping together in grace to be more like Christ

Eph. 4:11-14

Multiplying together with the gospel to reach the world

Matt 28:18-20

God loves to multiply people:

Gen 1:28; 9:1,7; 17:2, 20; 22:17; 26:24; 28:3; 35:11; Ex. 32:13; Lev. 26:9; Deut. 6:3; 7:13; 8:1, 13; 28:63; 30:5, 16; Acts 6:1,7; 12:24; Heb. 6:13-14

God wants us to spiritually reproduce: 2 Tim. 2:2; John 14:12

Who is called to be a disciple-maker?

Jesus is my model for everything. He was _____.

How were you **Connected**? Luke 6:12-13

- How am I currently reaching or connecting others?

How are you being **Equipped**? Luke 9:1-10

- How am I helping to build up others?
- How am I equipping others for ministry? (for outreach, service, discipling)

How am I **Multiplying**, so more will follow? Luke 10:1,17-21

- How am I helping others to grow deeper?

Jesus commanded each of us to make disciples.

How? Acts 1:8, 6-11

- Does our model facilitate 80% of the church reproducing?
- How are we developing disciple-makers?
- Will you humbly ask the Lord what His next step is for you?

Message Based Discussion Questions

- 1) How many children were in your family? How many children did he/she/they produce?

Digging Deeper:

- 2) Where do you learn the most in Scripture about parenting? What passages come to mind?
- 3) How would you apply human parenting to spiritual parenting?
- 4) What kinds of things prevent Christians from becoming spiritual parents?

Application of the message to life:

- 5) What are the three most difficult challenges people face about becoming spiritual parents in Indianapolis? How can we work together to overcome them?
- 6) What kind of organization/organism/system/set-up would you devise to develop spiritual parents?