

## Missional Ground

Gaining Ground – Matthew 16:18

March 31, 2019

Community Group Discussion Questions

### PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

### ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. **Share your name and answer the following question:**
  - If you could travel anywhere with anyone, where would you go and with whom? (Whom would you bring other than your spouse or "significant other"?)

### OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes)

2. What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the word "church"?
3. **How does thinking of the church as a building instead of people limit the effectiveness of the church?**
4. **Drew mentioned, "Everyone spends eternity somewhere."**
  - How might our lives and our church look different if we understood the urgency of this reality?

### DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes)

5. What themes do you notice about God's love from the following verses?
  - Read John 3:16, 1 John 4:10, and Romans 5:8.
6. What might following Jesus example of sacrificial love look like for us today?

### APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes) (Discuss this question in prayer time)

7. Who is one person you are praying may come to know and follow Jesus? What can you do to help them take a step toward Jesus this week?