



Gather and Go | One Church • January 7, 2018

Mathew 22:37-40, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15 and John 20:21

Opening: What are you excited about for 2018? What do you enjoy about our One Church worship services?

Discussion: Read the scripture verses together.

Gather: We are a community that gathers regularly on weekends and weekdays.

- What are some of the reasons we come together?
- What do you experience at our various gatherings?

Communion is one expression of worship at our gatherings.

- As Pastor Dan Meyer described the communion within the Trinity, how did that make you feel, knowing you have been invited in?
- What other emotions or thoughts go through your heart and mind during communion?
- We partake of communion in community. It is also a very personal experience. How does partaking in communion impact your relationship with Christ, yourself and with others?

Go: We are a people who go out daily into the world as witnesses of Christ's life-changing love.

- In what ways have you witnessed Christ's love in your life?
- How has Christ's love changed you? How does this get expressed to others?
- Pastor Dan stated that each week, the people of Christ Church respond to the call to "Go into all the world." How have you responded to this call?
- How could this small group multiply itself in answering this call to 'go into all the world'?

Commissioning the Esplanade disciples, Pastor Dan asked three questions. He then turned to ask the Oak Brook congregation these same three questions.

- What is your response to the following same three questions?
- What stirs hesitancy in you? What stirs excitement?

1. As disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, do you promise that you will not just attend church but BE the Church in a fresh and renewed way?

2. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, do you pledge to do all you can to form and foster a branch of this church, continually marked by:

- Authentic Worship • Genuine Community • Generous Service
- Attractive Witness • Intentional Growth • Life-Changing Love

3. Do you commit yourself this day, to inviting as many people as you can into the life of Christ Church, wherever it meets, that they may find greater flourishing in the Kingdom of God?



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Gather and Go: Reflecting on our small group, what can be celebrated in regards to these two expressions of discipleship?

Service: With this kingdom movement, many new opportunities to find fulfillment in serving others are before us. These are opportunities of grace.

- As a small group, are there opportunities to explore or jump in together? Individually?
- How could you support one another in each discerning a joyful place of service?

Prayer: Pastor Dan and Esplanade Campus Pastor Eric Camfield prayed this movement forward.

- Please take time to pray for one other in these same ways; praying for wisdom, courage, awareness of God's Presence, hope, love and fruit bearing service.

Practice of the Week:

Service: to reflect the helping, caring and sharing love of God in the world.

- Visit the Serving Teams Fair or peruse our website to see where you could offer your time, resources, influence, passion and care to build the kingdom and glorify God.
- Schedule a 'best fit' conversation to discern a life-giving opportunity of service. Contact MaryBeth at mbclark@cc-ob.org

Additional Resources:

Compelled by Love: The Most Excellent Way to Missional Living by Ed Stetzer and Philip Nation

The Jesus Life: Eight Ways to Recover Authentic Christianity by Stephen Smith

We'd love to hear from you!

If you have thoughts, questions, comments, ideas on how to make these study guides more meaningful for you and your group, please let us know.

We would also LOVE to hear how God is using these Scriptures and study guides in your lives.

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