



## Life Group Guide

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Speaker: Paul K

### COMMUNITY...

*Sharing our hearts and lives with each other so we become good friends.*

**WOW!** Share the best or worst experience of this past week.

**UNFINISHED!** What is an unfinished task you would like to complete in the next month?

### DISCIPLESHIP...

*Becoming more like Jesus in our character and skilled at doing life as He did.*

*Helping others come to Jesus, follow Jesus and lead others to follow Jesus. also.*

#### Disciple-Maker's Character

**Christ-centered: daily, progressive transformation of becoming more like Jesus**

- Read** In Mark 8, Jesus reveals KEY truths/life transformations to be Christ-centered
- 8:1-10 *Why did Jesus want the disciples participate in the miracle of multiplying food?*
- 8:11-21 *What was Jesus' point of warning about the leaven of the Pharisees & Herod?*
- 8:22-38 *What is the connection between Peter's confession & challenging Jesus & then Jesus' rebuke & invitation/challenge for them to take up their cross to follow Him?*

#### Disciple-Maker's Life Skills

**Praying Effectively: Praying with others, in agreement with expectancy to receive**

- Read** Matthew 18:19-20; Acts 4:23-31; James 5:16; Jude 20; Ephesians 6:10-20
- What do these verses say about prayer?*
- Why is it important to pray alone with the Father AND together with others? Examples?*
- Is there a sense in which we learn to pray more effectively when we pray with others?*
- What are some important 'guidelines' to follow when we pray with others in a group?*

#### Accountability & Prayer Break into smaller groups (men & women)

*Creating a safe environment to be vulnerable, honest & accountable to each other.*

- Share one thing you would like the group to pray for you this week.
- Pray for each other.

### MISSIONAL LIVING...

*Encouraging each other to serve people inside and outside the walls of Rockpoint.*

**Living as Fishers of Men:** Share who you are praying for where you live, work & play that our Father would bring to personally trust Jesus to save and change their lives.

**Rockpoint Missionary:** Pray for your Rockpoint missionary.

## Sermon Discussion *Use the following application questions from the sermon.*

**As you listened to the message, what thought did our Father impress upon you as to how to apply this message to your life? Why?**

**Big Idea:** Our Father gives every Christ-follower an opportunity to LIVE as a 'missionary' by developing relationships with people right where we each live, work & play who don't yet have a personal relationship with Jesus. Additionally, our Father invites some of us to cross cultural and ethnic boundaries and give ourselves to love on, befriend, serve and share Jesus' love with those from other countries/cultures who live right next to us. Is our Father calling you to such a life? If so, what say you?

**What story from Bob, Sherry, or Mike was particularly interesting to you?**

### Read Luke 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup> And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

### Questions to discuss together...

1. **What was similar about the priest's, the Levite's and the Samaritan's encounter with the wounded man?**
2. **How might one justify the actions of the priest and the Levite?**
3. **Why do you think the Samaritan stopped when the others "passed by on the other side"? Have you ever 'stopped' to help someone? Explain.**
4. **Why does Jesus turn the question around from "Who is my neighbor?" to "Who was a neighbor to the man?" Share who you are a neighbor to.**
5. **Who could you as a Life Group be a neighbor to?**
6. **Do you as a Life Group have any sense that God might be asking you to adopt a refugee family together for 12 months? If so, what should be your next step?**