

DISCUSSION NOTES

FEBRUARY 26, 2017

Pray and ask God to teach you, help you trust Him more deeply, & strengthen you to live what you learn.

GETTING INTO THE WORD

1. Read Mark 8:16-21. What was so surprising about the fact that the disciples were talking about bread at this time? See Mark 6:30-44 and Mark 8:1-14 for more information.
2. What do Jesus' questions in Mark 8:16-21 reveal about his view of the disciple's conversation? In Jesus' opinion, what was their biggest problem?
3. In your own words, what lesson was Jesus trying to get the disciples to understand through the teaching miracles (feeding the 5000 and feeding the 4000)? Why was this lesson so essential to their future mission?
4. Why does this lesson consistently seem hard for us to learn? Why is it hard for us to apply what we know to be true to our current circumstances and experiences?
5. Read or recite Mark 10:45 (we are memorizing this verse together as a group, right?). What amazes you most in this verse about Jesus?
6. We have summarized this verse as "serve and give so that others may live." What stands out to you about this statement and how are we called to live as followers of Jesus?
7. The first aspect of this call is to "serve." What does Jesus say about serving in Mark 10:43 (just two verses earlier)? What does this look like for us as we incorporate it into our lives?
8. The second aspect of this call is to "give." What does Mark 10:45 say that Jesus gave? Does this stir your heart to give? If we are to follow Jesus' example, how should this idea shape our generosity?
9. The third aspect of this call is "so that others may live." Who are the "others" you know who need to know life with Jesus and his family? Who are the "others" that stir your heart to serve and give more for the sake of Christ's mission? Have you written his or her name on the *So That Others May Live* wall?
10. What was most encouraging about the sermon this week? What was most challenging? What was most helpful?

TIME OF PRAYER

On the back side of this sheet are a list of prayer requests. Would you take some time to pray for these items in your group? Save this list and spend some time praying each week together that God would provide for us. You may also want to use this list to pray daily on your own. Thanks so much for partnering with us in praying for our church and our mission.

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PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

Would you spend some time praying for our church in light of all we've talked about? Here is a list of suggested items for your time in prayer.

- Pray that we would worship Jesus, our Servant-King, in increasing measure all our lives.
- Pray that we would trust Jesus to provide for all our needs in every circumstance.
- Pray that we would serve and give so that others may live.
- Pray that we would be servant-hearted people.
- Pray that all of our ministry serve teams opportunities would be filled.
- Pray that would we see an inflow of new people to serve and new servant-leaders to direct ministries.
- Pray that we would be generous-hearted people.
- Pray that God would provide for all our needs and further his mission through our generosity.
- Pray for those who need jobs and those who face debts or financial hardships.
- Pray for an inflow of new attenders to become giving partners who support our ministry.
- Pray for our church to have a heart for our community and a passion to reach the lost.
- Pray for our city and all those that need to be reached with the gospel to come to faith in Jesus.
- Pray that we would love our neighbors, befriend them, seek their good, share Jesus with them, and invite them to be a part of our church family.
- Pray "by name" for those that you personally feel called to reach. Pray specifically for the people whose names you wrote on the "So That Others May Live" wall at our church gathering.
- Pray for the things that God brings to your heart and mind related to Christ's mission through Redemption Church and/or in our city.
- Pray for the nations, for people who have no one to tell them about Jesus, for those who have no Bible and no pastor and no gospel witness. Ask God to send people to unreached peoples.
- Pray for our church plants:
 - Claude Atcho, Redeemer Church, Boston
 - Justin Burkholder, Iglesia Reforma, Guatemala City
 - Watson Jones, Restoration Church, Philadelphia
 - Steven Lee, Redeemer City Church, Washington DC
 - Bryan Padgett, Redeemer Church, Stillwater, OK
- Pray for our pastors and ministry leaders and they serve our family and equip us for ministry.
- Ask God for help in any area where you feel weak, confused, tired, or bored and need to be renewed by God so that you can be used in his mission.