

HOME GROUP DISCIPLESHIP CLUSTER

Why these questions? We could ask easier questions, but the goal is to ask a few questions that cause us to be intentional about how we are being disciples who make disciples. The focus is in three areas: communion w/ God, community with other believers and being on co-mission to reach those far from God. The fourth question is intended to call us to action based on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to us.

1. What is God doing in me?

This is a question about our communion with God and paying attention to what is clanking around in our heart. Is there static on the line between God and me? Is there insecurity, anger or uncertainty in my connection with God? Asking this question is a way to have a conversation about the state of our intimacy with God through our meditation on His Word, through our giving, our prayers and fasting. Not for the sake of checking off a list, but to encourage each other and keep each other accountable to the relationship God desires to have with us.

2. What is God doing around me in my church community?

This is a question connected to the community of the family of God. We realize our relationships need careful attention, and God uses them as instruments for speaking to us and exposing the hurt feelings we've been nursing. God also uses community to expose our judgment, hatred, bitterness and callousness toward people. Who am I challenged to love? Where am I experiencing conflict? Who do I need to forgive? We learn how to grow in unity within our spiritual family. It is essential to regularly audit the temperature of our community with the local body of Christ.

3. What is God doing through me in the lives of those who need Him?

This question forces us to think through how God is using us in His mission. God is sending us into the brokenness of the world - not alone, but with others. What is the unique missional ministry God is inviting us to? Who is God calling us to be present with and to sacrifice for? What conversations are we having with neighbors to get to know them? How do we love our neighbors? Where are we experiencing fear and frustration as we live missional lives? We are not heroes saving the lost, but beggars who are seeking to tell other beggars where to find food.

4. What is my response to God?

As we examine what God is doing, we reflect, record and then respond. Our response is a vital part of this intimate discipleship cluster, which is not merely a time of sharing how we are feeling (although that may take place). We seek to be present when opportunities arise to take action in our lives. This is a yearning and a searching for the next step in order to move from revelation to practice. We don't seek to light the entire path with stadium lights; we need only a flashlight to see our next step. Together in vulnerability, we foster accountability to the Holy Spirit's disruption or direction in our lives. This is likely what Paul meant when he said "work out your salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil 2:12).