

Series: As we move from the series “I Want to Know What Love Is”, we begin this new 6-week series by looking at “Why Jesus” and what it means to have a Kingdom of God Worldview. Then we shift to understanding ourselves to be Christ in the world and what it means to live sacrificially as citizens of the Kingdom of God and yet participants in the material world. Life gets real sometimes, and things get tight. What are we as Christians supposed to do with our resources of time, emotions, and money?

Small Group Tools:

- Weekly 8-12 Minute Video
- Scripture Readings & Reflection Questions for Discussion
- For guidance/direction/help in addressing challenges you may be facing: Coaching available (jeff@pathway.church)

Suggested Small Group Order:

- Informal Fellowship as group members arrive with snacks or meal together (food is good!!)
- Check-in and/or Relationship-building question
- Prayer (for newer groups, always best to ask someone privately beforehand)
- Watch Video
- Discuss video and share responses to Reflection Questions
- Invite group members to share a take-away or personal/group action step
- Closing Prayer (be sure to ask group members how the group can be praying for each other)

Do's and Don'ts:

- DO be flexible... rigidity is not a friend to intimacy and relational growth
- DON'T be afraid to allow questions related to the lesson outside of the suggested ones
- DO encourage group members to read daily life steps
- DON'T forget to read Missional Small Groups by M. Boren if you haven't already!
- DO HAVE FUN TOGETHER!!

Small Group Questions: Week 3

1. Matthew 25:31-40. Jesus has shown us unending love and grace. He gave his life that we might know life. But this faith isn't one-sided, where Jesus gives and we just receive. In fact, what God gives us in terms of health, time, energy, and resources isn't something we are to hoard, but to share. Who are the “least of these” that Jesus was referring to in this text? Who would they be in our community? Whose lives can be radically impacted by allowing Jesus to work through us?

2. Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. We are the Body of Christ. The impact Jesus will or will not have in this age will be determined by our functioning as his physical presence. While the Spirit moves among us, and is the glue that binds us, our response to him determines the physical impact in the world. We can choose to build, or destroy... heal, or harm... care, or be indifferent. As you consider the difference you and your group make in this world, what impact do you feel you have had and/or would like to have? What does it look like for you to be the “hands and feet” of Christ?

3. Acts 1:8; Revelation 21:1-5a. Our mission field ranges from our own backyard to the ends of the earth. God does not call us to wait passively for the 2nd Coming. Rather, God calls us to be active in the spreading of his kingdom. If your neighborhood (or school, workplace, city/town, state, country—even the world) reflected the Kingdom of God, what would it be like?

