

Reimagine Church Small Group Sessions



Building Missional Culture - Week 1

God's heart for mission

Small group leader briefing

By now, if you have been able to be part of the wider leadership team sessions you have been starting to grow as a disciple in your identity and are discovering new ways of praying and hearing God's voice. I hope you are experiencing new freedom and having fun, there is so much more to come. I know you are a leader, so you want to help others grasp this too. These small group sessions will help you unpack what you are learning with others in a simple, accessible way.

Let us know how they work out for you, have you had any good stories of change and breakthrough that would encourage others. Anything that was hard to explain or needs a bit more work?

Take some newspaper headlines with you (see below) and don't forget to introduce the exercise you will be doing in week 2 before you finish.

Welcome (15 mins)

Use this time to get refreshments and introduce people to the new material. Let them know how you've found the wider group sessions, what has inspired and challenged you and encourage them to get involved. If you have stories to share, this is great time to do that.

Group Activity (60 mins)

Handouts of the group activity are available with the training content if you would like to provide a copy to each person.

Play Video for week 1

Why is mission important? The why question is always the most important one.

1. It's important to God who is a missionary God. **Jn 3:16**. He longs for a big family **Rev 7:9-10**, His heart is broken over lost people **1Tim 2:4**, **2 Pet 3:9**.
2. It's important to the world that is broken and in a mess because of sin. The world needs Jesus' good news.
Look at some newspapers (normally it's bad news) and read some of the headline to demonstrate the brokenness of our world.
3. It's important to eternity because we will all spend it somewhere.
4. It's important to us because it is the most significant and rewarding work we will be involved in.

Group Discussion

Is living missionally important to you? if so why, or if not, why not. Be honest.

3 scriptural keys:

The great commandments ([Matt 22](#)).

The great commission ([Matt 28](#)).

And the great completion ([Matt 24](#))

These scriptures define the **why and the how** ([Matt 22:37-39](#)) – out of love for God and others, and by showing God's love to others,

The **what and the who** ([Matt 28:19-20](#)) – by making disciples who make disciples of all nations / people groups (Greek Ethne);

And the **by when** ([Matt 24:14](#)) – it will be completed before Christ returns.

The early church longed for Jesus return. Peter told them they could hasten His return ([2 Pet 3:12](#)).

Read and discuss these scriptures together. What do you notice? What might God be saying to you?

Group Discussion

How does the great commission connect to Jesus return. Why do you think that is?

Feedback

In groups of threes, describe how the good news is good news to you.

Prayer (10 - 15mins)

Pray in threes for up to 5 not-yet Christians, people you know or are aware of, who you would like to have contact with over the next week. Pray for each other to have persistence in praying daily for their own and each other's possible connections.

Home Assignment

Pray each day for your 5 people and the other potential connections from your prayer triplet. Ask God to give you opportunity to make contact and connection with your 5. As you get opportunities just reach out and start a conversation, see what happens!

Finish

Before you go don't forget to tell people where you will meet for next week's assignment.