

The Church Unleashed
A Church of 2000 Missionaries
Matthew 28:16-20

OPEN WITH PRAYER

GETTING STARTED: If you are a new group or have new people in your existing group, spend some time sharing some things about yourselves—family, how long you've been at Bidwell, job, etc.

When was the last time you were really proud of what our church was doing?

LEARNING & APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Together, read Matthew 28:16-20 together

1. What does Jesus mean when he commands us to "Make disciples?" According to verse 19, what is involved in making disciples?

2. What did Steve mean when he said that our church must be internally strong and externally focused? What happens if a church is internally strong but doesn't have any external focus? What happens if a church is internally weak but is externally focused? Have you ever been in a church that was out of balance? Is Bidwell internally strong and externally focused? How can you tell?

3. What did Steve mean when he said we are a church of 2000 missionaries?

4. Can you imagine how different Chico would be if every follower of Christ in every church began loving and serving our community in meaningful way?

5. What would happen in the lives of the followers?

6. What would happen in the churches?

7. What would happen to Chico?

LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”

1. Do you feel comfortable with the idea of being used by God to help someone else become a follower of Jesus Christ? Why or why not? What do you think would happen in your own spiritual life if you were used by God to lead someone to new life in Christ and then helped them grow in that relationship? Does this command apply to all Christians or just pastors or church workers?

SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)

Take some time to share prayer requests, where you need to find God’s grace and peace. Be sure to give thanks for each other and pray for one another’s needs. When we pray together, we find the power of God.