

Growth Group Reflection Questions—April 25-May 1

1. What's your favorite magazine and why?
 2. Let's start our group talk by reading Philippians 1:3-8 out loud. Why does Paul have such strong affection for these people?
 3. Pastor Dave presented an exciting new direction – *and definition* – for missions at SCBC. He said that the term “missions” now includes both “*going across the street and going across the globe.*” Is this a different definition of missions than what you've heard before? Discuss.
 4. Paul wrote Philippians – his famous “Letter of Joy” – while imprisoned in Rome and awaiting execution. What would be on *your* mind if you were about to die? Who would you write a letter to? What would it say?
- Follow up: Let's revisit Phil. 1:3-8. Just from these first eight verses, what burning thoughts were on Paul's mind during his final days on earth?
5. During his message, Dave said the following: “*Every pastor worth his salt hopes to serve at a church where people will do whatever it takes, pay any price, go wherever, in order to tell others about Jesus.*” In your view, are we that kind of a church?
 6. Let's turn our attention to the “Strategic Partnership Plan (SPP)” that Dave introduced. “*The Strategic Partnership Plan involves coming alongside strategic partners at home and abroad in order to introduce as many people as possible to the love of Jesus.*” Let's break the SPP down and analyze it. Who are the people involved? What does the plan involve?
 7. Re-read the first and often-overlooked line of Jesus' Great Commission to believers recorded in Matthew 28:18-20. Does this important piece of information change the way you that look at sharing your faith? Why or why not?
 8. Winding down: What sermon point, testimony, song, or video will stick with you from last Sunday's service?

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Inner Sunday For Life

David said to Goliath, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty . . .”

1 Samuel 17:45

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:3 – 5

Partnership = *intimate relationship, joint participation, mutual commitment.*_____

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and the gospel will save it.”

Mark 8:34 - 35

“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge him before my Father who is in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I also will disown him before my Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 10:32 – 33

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

Acts 4:29

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.

Philippians 1:27 - 28