



# COMMUNITY GROUPS

SANTA CRUZ BIBLE CHURCH

## Going Further: Learning to Walk In the Way of Jesus

### VISION: The Lion Sees Potential

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#### Passages

- Primary passage: Matthew 28:18-20
- Romans 12:1-2
- Ezekiel 36:24-32

#### Questions

- Opener:
  - When you were young did you ever have an experience being taught to do something new? (i.e. play an instrument, play a sport, act, etc.) Who taught you? What was that like?
  - Have you ever taught someone a new skill? What was it like for you? What did you learn in the process? What do you wish you had done differently?
- Share Experience:
  - What has been your experience of being disciplined? Did it involve any significant experience of transformation?
  - Can you describe an experience of transformation in your life?
  - On Sunday, Richard used the analogy of a raft, a rowboat, and a sailboat for our spiritual life. (Raft = just drifting, Rowboat = lots of effort, Sailboat = requires training and know how but relies on an external source i.e. Holy Spirit for power) Which would you say characterizes your spiritual life in this season? What would you want your spiritual life to look like?
  - Is having a pathway for discipleship helpful to you? Why or why not?
  - In looking at the five phases of the discipleship journey (Go, Explore, Connect, Practice, Serve), do you sense a particular invitation in any one of the phases?
- Dig Into:
  - What is a disciple? How is one made?
  - If we are saved as a free gift of God and not by our own works, what is the role of discipline and training in our discipleship?
  - How would you describe the difference between knowledge and transformation? How about the difference between behavior modification and transformation?

## Creative Ideas

- Listen to the song “The Earth Shall Know” by The Porter’s Gate Project (See additional resources below). What thoughts and emotions does this song stir as you think about following Jesus? If we were to fully follow Jesus in this way, what impact would it have on our city and county?
- **Exercise:** As a group, pull out your Go Love Cards. Have each person see if they can identify the discipleship stage that each person on their card is at and what a helpful next step would be based on their stage. Use the 12 Intercessional Prayers resource for help with this part. (See additional resources below)

## Practices

- Write out your journey of discipleship using the five phases of discipleship we describe in the SCBC discipleship pathway.
- Pray through the Discipleship Pathway (See additional resources below) several days this week. Do you feel a particular invitation or prompting to any one of these stages? How can you take an immediately next step there? Plan to make our key program for that stage a significant part of your life in this season.
- Continue to pray for the people you’ve identified on your Go Love Card. If you had trouble identifying what stage they were in, continue to pray and ask God to show you where they’re at on their journey of discipleship and what a good next step would be for where they are. You may want to pray using the 12 Intercessional Prayers resource (See Additional Resources Below).

## Additional Resources

- The questions at the end are fantastic! <https://timchester.wordpress.com/2016/03/21/following-up-the-sermon-in-small-groups/>
- Song - “The Earth Shall Know” by the Porter’s Gate Project - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9oAJSsbA6U>
- Graphic- SCBC Discipleship Pathway - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ybUtv5oWoKjDIERd14s7dl3loWG8SDph/view?usp=sharing>
- 12 Intercessional Prayers (InterVarsity resource) - <http://evangelism.intervarsity.org/resource/12-intercessional-prayers>