



Community Group

Study Guide

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5 Purposes Summary

Our Purpose: to **introduce** people to **Jesus** and to develop committed **followers** of Christ through **biblical teaching**, meaningful **relationships**, and a **lifestyle** of **worship** and **service**.

Within this purpose statement we find five challenges to the church: (see below).

Today you have options:

You can read Mark 4 and discuss issues of the heart (v. 1-20) that keep us from worship, and lessons in faith (v.30-41) that keep us from believing that God is good...

Or

You can read some of the passages given on any one of the five purposes and discuss areas that you as a community group would like to grow in...; how can we grow? How can we improve in these areas? What action steps do you want to take as a group in light of these five purposes?

- **Worship** – connecting with God and resisting idolatry we desire whole-hearted devotion to Christ (Psalm 5:7; Romans 12:1-2; Matt. 22:36-37).
- **Evangelism**- as we connect with God, we become missional. We share the gospel with lost people; we work locally and globally, in word and in deed. (Acts 20:24; Luke 5:30-32; Mark 16:15).
- **Discipleship**- as we connect with God, people around us are inspired to do the same; we are changed and they are changed. (John 1:43; 1 Cor. 11:1; 2 Peter 1:3-9; Luke 14:26-27; 2 Tim. 2:22)
- **Fellowship** – growing spiritually we pursue an authentic community of believers (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:25-26, 32; Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:42).
- **Service**- equipping believers, we train, encourage and send them out to serve with excellence. (Matt. 25:34-40; Mark 10:45; Rom.15:1-3)