

Home Group Notes
Week of October 27, 2024
“Shift?!” week #9



I KNOW YOU ARE BUSY . . .

I (Steve) began to see a pattern. On several Sundays, people walked up to me and said, “I know you are busy...” After several occurrences, I realized that if I am too busy for relationships, I am too busy. Have you had times in life when you felt like your busyness and activity levels were preventing you from focusing on what really matters? What is your story of trying to keep life focused?

LET’S LEARN FROM GOD’S WORD

For a number of weeks, our studies have centered on Jesus’ call to make disciples who will then help others live as Jesus’ disciples. We have also seen that the way of Jesus was to make disciples in relational environments. Now, the true role of the church is to make disciples in relational environments with three key components: The Word of God, the Spirit of God, and the people of God. We are all to be investing in and serving people, to be on mission to help others know, love, and follow Jesus.

This week is about “alignment” - alignment of our church’s programs and the alignment of our lives with Jesus’ call to make disciples in relational settings. To do this, we must ask ourselves a few tough questions (none of which are easy to answer but important):

- ❑ Is my life aligned with Jesus’ (and Trinity’s) central purpose?
- ❑ Am I in relational environments where I can grow and help others grow as a disciple?
- ❑ Do I have places of activity that are keeping me from important relationships?

Write down what comes to your mind and heart as you read the following Scriptures:

Luke 10:38-42

Romans 12:2

Ecclesiastes 1:14

Mark 1:17

John 13:35

What do you notice about Paul’s ministry with people? Activities? Relationships?
1 Thessalonians 2:6b-12

DISCUSS TOGETHER

Some have suggested that 'for a church to be discipleship-focused, we must shift our focus from activities to relationships.' What do you think this means? What changes might this imply?

Since many spiritual gifts are about relationships, and these are about building up God's people (1 Corinthians 14:12), where are these to be practiced? What does this say about our schedules? Our churches scheduled activities?

As we continue to discuss what it means to have our lives and our church focused on 'making disciples who make disciples,' what 'alignment' of our lives have you thought about?

APPLY IT THIS WEEK

Alignment is difficult for American people because we live such independent and self-driven lives. As you consider what it means to be focused on being and making disciples, what adjustments do you think God might want you to make to your activities and relationships?

PLEASE PRAY

- Please pray our global partners, especially those in troubled places
- Please pray for Pastor Doug and the Elders as they shepherd our family
- Please pray for the Micah House and Inherit the Earth teams

CALENDAR NOTES

Oct 31	Trinity at Olive Avenue Redlands Extravaganza
Nov 4	Surviving the Holidays at Trinity
Nov 8	"A Father's Legacy" workshop for Dads*
Nov 17	Baptism class
Nov 24	Home Groups on break that week
Nov 27	Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00 PM
Dec 6	Women's Christmas Celebration
Dec 8	Service of Remembrance
Dec 8	Home Groups final week (before Christmas break)
Dec 14, 15	Kid's Christmas musical
Dec 24	Christmas Eve services (2:00; 3:30; 5:00 PM)

*For more information, go to www.Afatherslegacy.org