

Community Group Growth Questions

1. Share with the group any insight, truth, or observation from Sunday’s message that helped you, troubled you, or ministered to you.
2. What is a disciple? How do we become a disciple of Jesus Christ?
3. What are the marks of a disciple of Jesus? Consider these scriptures:
4. What is your unique role as Christ’s disciple in the Church? How are you following Christ in these areas?
5. What are some of the obstacles to your growth as a true disciple? How does the gospel speak to these hindrances?
6. When you hear the words “mission” or “church planting”, what is your first reaction? How would respond to the question, “Why are mission trips important?” or “Why is your church involved in planting new churches?”

Living on Mission

1. What do you think your personal role in making disciples looks like? Compare your own view to Matthew 28:18-20. How are you personally obeying God in this way?
2. Have you considered being a part of a mission endeavor for 2013? What stops you from considering being a part of a missionary team? What are your fears, challenges, or concerns?
3. Do you pray for the missionaries we send? Do you pray for those already in the field? Do you pray for unreached people groups? If not, why not? What can you do to deepen your prayer life in this area?
4. What does being a part of a new church plant mean to you? Is God calling you personally to “go”? Have you asked God if you are to be a part of the church plant in Winchester?
5. As a community group, consider adopting an unreached people group for the purpose of prayer. Be diligent to pray about whether God is sending you to that group as well.

This Week’s Reading:

Monday: Matthew 28:18-20

Tuesday: Matthew 16:24-26

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 15:3-11

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

Friday: 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Saturday: Romans 10:8-15

Suggested Resources:

Operation World: The Definitive Prayer Guide to Every Nation by Jason Mandryk
www.operationworld.org

Foxes’s Book of Martyrs by John Foxe

Let The Nations Be Glad! by John Piper

Welcome to the Church at Martinsburg!

Whether this is your first time or your next time; whether you are a member or a first-time guest – we want to connect with you! Use the white card with this Loop to relay information to your church staff. Please complete the front so we can update our records and use the back to request information or share your prayer requests. As your pastors, we are honored to pray for and serve you.

Financial Peace University (FPU) will begin Sunday, September 16th. This financial class is for anyone wanting to learn how to budget, get out of debt or refresh financial management skills. Cost includes a workbook, book, budget aids and a CD. Please go to fpu.martinsburgchurch.org or call the church office at 304-596-9330 to register. Registration for the course is required and the final cost will be decided soon. Sign up in the lobby Today!

Community Groups begin the week of September 9th. Community is an essential part of our Christian life focusing on spiritual growth, fellowship with one another and the neighborhoods around us. For more information you can visit groups.martinsburgchurch.org. Sign up in the lobby Today!

How will you serve at C@M? Go to volunteering.martinsburgchurch.org.

Pastor On Call: If you or your family have an emergency and need to get hold of a pastor from Friday morning through Monday morning please call 304.616.9007 to reach The Church at Martinsburg’s Pastor on call.

Missionary Toolbox:

India: India is the most ethnically diverse nation on earth, with over 2500 distinct people groups. 70% of India is under age 35 and 31% under age 15. These are greatly influenced by materialism. India has more human need than any other nation by virtue of its massive population. Poverty and hunger affects hundreds of millions. 40% of children under age 3 suffer from malnutrition. An estimated 900,000 people per year die as a result of drinking unclean water or breathing polluted air. India has the world’s 3rd largest HIV+ population and accounts for 1/3 of the world’s tuberculosis cases. There are 150,000 new cases of leprosy every year and 15 million people are blind. Up to 35 million of the 400 million children under 15 are orphans. 11 million are abandoned (90% girls); 3 million live on the street. Of 159 people groups of over 1 million people, 133 are unreached for Christ with 100’s more groups of fewer than 1 million being unreached. 350 million of the middle classes have little meaningful contact with Christianity. Bible translation is a challenge because of India’s 456 languages.

Moldova: Moldova is fertile ground for the gospel despite the foothold of the Orthodox Church. Poverty has forced many pastors and up to 20,000 evangelicals to leave Moldova in recent years. Leadership training and discipleship are their greatest needs. The gypsy population is large and has very few evangelical Christians. Unemployment and alcohol abuse are widespread problems. Moldova is the source for the largest numbers of young women lured abroad into human trafficking rings.

Consider this description from “Operation World” concerning our own need for prayer here in the U.S. as we consider our mission here at home and new Church plants:

“The American Church needs revival – not the slick mass evangelism and theatrics associated with the word, but true revival with conviction of sin, repentance and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. More often than not, the public face of Christianity turns people away from Jesus rather than drawing them to Him. The gospel is often little more than a self-help philosophy. Thank God for the pockets where revival is happening; pray that it may spread... If all of the U.S.’s self-proclaimed believers were to actually practice their faith, the transformation in society would be incredible. Instead, a pick-and-choose spirituality and inconsistent application of Jesus’ teachings yield a disconnect between how Christians live and what the Bible instructs... Biblical Christianity is mixed with hyper-individualism, consumeristic materialism, moral relativism and national pride, creating a dangerous strain of faith that justifies selfishness, immorality and hubris. Pray for the ability to distinguish between what is scriptural and what is cultural.”