



CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide

August 16, 2015

Week 1 | Our Mission
Selected Scriptures

Introduction

Brookside has always existed to fulfill the mission Jesus gave to us - to help others find and follow Him. We love that we get to join Jesus and to be a part of this in Omaha and around the world! When we consider this high calling and the opportunities being a part of our church lends to us, we say: "I LOVE MY CHURCH!" In this 4 part series we'll look at our mission as a church and the 3 things that drive all we do.

Questions for Study

1. Have you ever been called to something great? How did it feel to be a part of it? What challenges did you face? Was it worth it in the end?
2. How would you describe the mission of the "Church?" (See Matt 18:11; Matt 28:19-20; Mark 16:15)
3. Read Matt 16:18. Here Jesus is talking about the "hope" found in Christ, it's the "rock" upon which the church is built. How does a passage like this shape our understanding of the Church? Reflect on the history and the enduring nature of the Church (it's pretty amazing!).
4. Have you ever found yourself in past experiences or more recently, saying to yourself: "I love my church"? What was/is it that you love?
5. What does a clear "mission" do for a church or for any organization? Do you know the mission of Brookside? (*"Helping people find and follow Jesus."*)
6. Who was instrumental in helping you "*find*" Jesus? Do they know they were instrumental in your coming to faith?
7. Who is one person in your life that you could help "*find*" Jesus? Begin or continue to pray for open doors and courage to walk through them.
8. Who was instrumental in helping you "*follow*" Jesus?
9. Who is one person in your life that you could help "*follow*" Jesus? What roadblocks stand in the way of that happening? How can they be overcome?
10. How can you make this "mission" an integral part of your life? Why would you want to? Do you have "space" in your life to do so?