

## **Retro Discussion Questions (10/16/23)**

### *Week 6 - What is Mission?*

Instructions: A life group is a family growing in Jesus together (worship), caring for each other (community), and BLESSing our neighbors together (mission). Start with a couple of the CONNECT questions. Then read the Scriptures and discuss. Make sure to conclude by applying the passage and finishing with a time of prayer.

#### **CONNECT Questions** (choose 1-2)

1. What is something you are thankful for this week?
2. From Sunday's message, is there a thought or idea that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?
3. Are you facing a challenge right now?

#### **READ John 17:15-23**

1. Have someone retell the passage in their own words.
2. What stands out, is surprising, or interesting to you?
3. What do you learn about people in this passage? (yourself, others)
4. What do you learn about God in this passage? (his character, his ways, etc.)

#### **LIVE IT OUT (Read this!)**

Would your life group consider spending a few weeks creating a written statement of how you will live out MISSION together? In other words, is there a specific way your small-church-family will commit to bless the world around you?

Begin in prayer. Ask Jesus to show you what he is already doing in the world around you. Then pray for wisdom and boldness to join him together in community. Here are 2 ways to begin figuring this out together:

1. Discuss together who in your surrounding community needs to experience life in Jesus' name (specific groups or specific people)? What are some ways you can invite them into your lives together? (ex. Grilling out, inviting them to meals or parties or football gatherings, bringing them treats, etc.)
2. Discuss some areas of brokenness you see in the world around you? In other words, where does Jesus' Kingdom need to be lived out here and now? Which of these needs move you most? What are you passionate about? What are some specific ways you can participate with Jesus in bringing restoration (ex. Partnering with a specific ministry, blessing your neighbors, meeting community needs you are passionate about, etc.

