



January 9th Discussion Guide

Vision Series

This 8-week series will unveil and communicate the God-directed path set before Good Shepherd. Each week will focus on our Mission and Markers we plan to focus on as a church body. If you want to watch the sermon it can be viewed at [Sermons Archive - Good Shepherd Church Naperville](#)

Prayer

Open your group in prayer.

Icebreaker (10 min)

Do you make a New Year's Resolution? Explain why or why not. If yes, share with your group so they can help encourage you and keep you accountable!

Discussion (45 min)

1. Read Matthew 28:18-20 and our new mission statement: ***“Inviting everyone to walk together in the calling of Christ for a life of eternal impact.”***
 - Compare the Great Commission (Matt 28) to our new mission statement.
 - Is this a mission you can partner with us on? Share your thoughts with the group.
 - Then break down each section below:
2. Inviting everyone:
 - Read Acts 1:8, Rev. 7:9. Who is to be included in God’s Kingdom?
 - Who can you reach out to in your sphere of influence (neighbors, co-workers, etc) that might not know Christ or have a church community?
 - How can you practically show and share the love of Christ with them?
3. To walk together:
 - Who do you enjoy doing life with?
 - Who are you discipling?
 - What are the benefits of community?
4. In the calling of Christ:
 - Read Matthew 4:19, Romans 8:29-30. What have we been called to do?
 - How are you living out your calling in Christ?
5. For a life of eternal impact:
 - Read Matthew 6:19-20, 1 Cor. 3:10-15, 2 Cor. 4:17, Rom. 8:18. What do you learn from these verses? How do these verses comfort or challenge you?
 - How are you creating a life focused on eternal impact? Where could you use some encouragement?

Application question: What can you do this week to live out our church mission statement?

LORD, thank you for equipping us with everything good for doing Your will and working in us what is pleasing to You, through Jesus Christ. (Heb 13:21) May You be glorified in our mission as we invite everyone to walk together in the calling of Christ for a life of eternal impact.