

Participant Guide – Small Group Discussion

Next STEPS

REFLECTION ON WEEK 3 CALL TO ACTION:

“Would anyone like to share their experience of reviewing and praying with the Next STEPS booklet this past week?” (refer to Session 3 guide)

CHAPTER 9

Discussion Question:

“Discuss some challenges to building, strengthening and maintaining community through small groups and other types of fellowship. List some challenges and possible solutions.”

CHALLENGES:

SOLUTIONS:

CHAPTER 10

Discussion Question:

“How can we change our culture, and raise givers who gladly and sincerely give out of their sense of stewardship for the church?”

*****Before answering this question, please take 1 minute to quietly read the last 3 paragraphs on page 177 (starting “Fundraisers can be fun...)**

Watch Video #4:

God’s call to service

The Church is to be a movement that makes an impact on the world. Father Michael shares how ministry and missions answer the call God gave Moses. God told Moses that he saw his people’s suffering and that he was sending him into the world to change that. Moses did not answer this call immediately or enthusiastically, and when he ultimately did, he didn’t find it to be an easy task!

The Church is sent into the world to relieve suffering and lead people to a better place. As the body of Christ – each and every one of us has a part to play – a responsibility to serve. Only when we answer the call, together, will God’s work will be done.

CHAPTER 11

Discussion Question:

“What inspires people into ministry, and causes them to take ownership, responsibility and pleasure in serving God and serving others?”

CHAPTER 12

Discussion Question:

“Discuss some ideas / opportunities to serve others outside of our congregation in “mission” work. Discuss why we should do it.”

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CALL TO ACTION:

Plan some time to pray this week, and continue asking God to help you take your next step toward discipleship.

- Pray in the same way you did last week, or try something new?
- Be sure to write something down on at least one of the pages.
- Commit to taking your Next STEP by writing it at the bottom of the page, and write a date by which you will take action on it.
