

## **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

*The Church: All In*

***And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it (Matthew 16:18, NIV).***

### **OPENING PRAYER TIME**

Take a few minutes together and pray for one another as you gather together and seek the Lord.

### **OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTION(S)**

1. What is your definition of the church and what is its role in the world? How about you as a Christ follower, a “Christian”? What is your role?

### **SERMON/BIBLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

2. The church is a place to be seen. Read **John 13:34-35** together. How can we be expected to love one another as Christ loved us? Is this type (agape) of love even possible?
3. Please read Ephesians 4:1-16 together and S.O.A.P.
4. There is no UNITY without Community? What does this mean, and why is it so important for the Body of Christ to be in Unity? How about Community? Share some examples from scripture and your own life. Read **Galatians 5:13-15** together.
5. The church is a place to be equipped. You the saints are to be equipped by us (APEST) for ministry. What does APEST stand for and what is the ministry that we are to be equipping you, the saints to do? Take a moment to read **Ephesians 4:11-14** before you answer these questions.
6. The Body of Christ is to work in Unity and Community together but if we are not meeting together on a regular basis something starts to happen. What happens when a part of the body isn't being used? What could happen if only parts of the Body of Christ are used, if we are not in Unity, not in Community?
7. What is it that causes conflict and disunity, and what are some things that we need to stop doing? Why is it that so many people call Christians Hypocrites? Are we supposed to be following after the self righteous Pharisees and Sadducees or Jesus?
8. The church is a place to be Accountable. Read **Matthew 5:21-26** and **Matthew 7:3-5** together and discuss. What are these 2 passages telling you about conflict

in the church amongst believers? How about unbelievers? Are we to keep those outside the church accountable or just our brothers and sisters in Christ?

9. Read **Matthew 18:15-20** together. Who is this to apply too and what were the 2 warnings that Pastor Duane shared with you, and why are these so important?
10. Pastor Duane told us that ignoring sin and confrontation is a form of misusing Matthew 18. What did he mean by this and why do you think that being passive and not confronting someone about their sin is also sin? What if I don't want to ruin our friendship or hurt their feelings?

### *ACTION STEPS*

- Make a decision today to be All IN for Jesus Christ!
- Make a commitment to Be Seen! Show Up regularly, every week if possible.
- Get plugged into a Small Group, sign up for Discover FAC, Discover Serving or Starting Point...
- Come March 27th to Awaken, our Missions themed Night of Worship!

### *CLOSING PRAYER TIME*

Take some time to pray together and for one another over what you heard this week and what you have discussed asking God to not only open your heart to Him but that He would guide you into an All In relationship!