

## Week #3

### BUILDING COMMUNITY

• **PASSAGE:** EPH 3:14-21

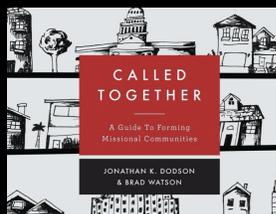
*14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

#### Become a Community - Share

- What is your favorite vacation spot?
- Where is the place you most want to visit, you've never been?
- Tell us your story.
- How can we pray for you this week?

Take a Group Photo - try to look as serious as you can :)

Close your time in prayer!



## Lesson: THE GOSPEL IS MISSIONAL

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- **Story:** stories are meant to be shared
- **Missional Gospel:** changes where we live and what we say
- **Opening our eyes** to see the transformation God is doing in the world.

### Remember.

The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus has defeated sin, death, and evil through his own death and resurrection and is making all things new, even us.

The Gospel changes us, not just what we believe & who we are ... it is also missional.

\*The Gospel is *doctrinal*; it changes what we believe

\*The Gospel is *personal*; it changes who we are

\*The Gospel is *missional*; it changes where we live and what we say

### This week let's think about: Missional.

Read Luke 4:18-19- "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*"

The Gospel Changes Everything: : It is good news for the believer and also our neighbors. It affects literally every area of the world - social, cultural and physical. The gospel announces the in-breaking kingdom of Jesus, which is making all things new.

### Discuss.

How does the Missional Gospel make you feel? What does it sound like to you?

Is it hard to believe that it "changes everything?"

What are the visible signs of sin in our world?

What is one thing that would change in our community if Jesus reigned?

The Church Joins the Mission: Look at the following verses -

-Matthew 28:19-20

-2 Corinthians 5:17-20

-Isaiah 61:4

-Rev 21

### Discuss.

What do these passages of scripture show us about how the Gospel changes things? Think about both cultural/systemic change & personal change?

Is this different from what you used to think of when you heard the word gospel? Of the three aspects of the gospel, which are you most comfortable? Least comfortable?

Which one do you want to grow into most?

Put this into action:

This week take a purposeful drive/walk around your neighborhood/community.

Pray asking God to open your eyes/heart for what Jesus can do - share next week