



Oakwood

CHURCH

March 28 Discussion Questions “One Church, One Mission” Acts 15:30-41

Preview

THREE ESSENTIAL TRANSFORMATIONS:

FROM CHURCH GROWTH TO GOSPEL SATURATION

- The growth of our church is important but **Insufficient** (Acts 13:2)
- Our mission is to reach the city and the **World!** (Acts 1:8)

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” Matt. 24:14

FROM COLLECTION TO MOBILIZATION

- We should **Share** our people and resources like a healthy **Family** (v. 1-3, 7, 22, 23, 32, 33, 36, 40)

FROM COMPETITION TO COLLABORATION

- We should **Work** together like a unified **Team** (v. 30,33,39-40)

Connect

1. What are your plans for Easter weekend?
2. In what way is Easter especially meaningful to you? What particular truth or promise has recently struck you in reference to Christ’s sacrifice and finished work?

Pray & Read Acts 15:30-41

Discuss

3. What were Paul and Barnabas called to do back in Acts 15:2? Why was this a sacrifice for their sending church in Antioch?
4. Why is the growth of our church important but insufficient?
5. Read John 12:24. How do you understand the principle of “gaining by losing?” How was it evident in Jesus’ earthly mission? What is there to gain by such sacrifice among Christians?
6. What did Paul and Barnabas decide to do in v.39-41? What was gained by their sacrifice?
7. When you consider the many churches in Tampa Bay, how would you describe their collaboration and partnership? Why do you think that is?
8. Pastor Darin quoted Tom Hanks from “Saving Private Ryan” in reference to the soldiers hunkering down behind a bunker with the words, “If you stay here, you’re dead men!” How does this relate to the local church? Why do you think the inward health of a church is heavily shaped by their outward movement?
9. What encourages inward inertia in a church? What encourages outward inertia in a church?
10. How might our community group and our church move further from collection to mobilization and from competition to collaboration with other churches?

Apply

11. How have you personally experienced the principle of “gaining by losing” in your Christian life? What sacrifice did you make, and how did it positively affect others?
12. How can you personally contribute to Oakwood’s mission to become more outwardly-focused?
13. Who is someone you might invite to Oakwood for the Good Friday or Easter services?

Prayer

Spend time thanking God for the outward focus being built at Oakwood. Pray for further personal and corporate opportunities to be taken for extending our missional reach.

Church-Wide Prayer Focus, from the Prayer Team

Personal Prayer Focus: Please pray Oakwood would continue to collaborate with churches in the area to saturate Tampa Bay with the Gospel.