

Group Discussion Questions

Small Companies and Group Bible Study Ministry

Use this sheet for your group discussion time, after completing the video lesson materials. Be sure to print, keep a copy, and review the written lesson materials as well. First pray. Then discuss. Through this discussion time, aim to develop solid ideas and plans for implementing lesson truths and ideas learned. Discussion time is geared for about 30-minutes (but feel free to expand if needed or desired).

Appoint a group moderator/facilitator to help keep discussion focused, engaging for all, on-point, and on time.

Tips: Allotting 6 minutes per main question with sub-questions allows completion in 30-min. Vary as needed.

- 1) What were some lessons and ideas from this message which especially struck you? What does it make you think about how we should do ministry for Jesus and His Kingdom?**
- 2) Read John 3:22-30. In context of our lesson, what can we learn about the ministry of John the Baptist and Jesus, and how they operated in their ministry work?**
 - a. What implications does this have for us today, in how we do our ministry work for Christ and His message? How should we structure ourselves to be most effective?
- 3) Read Luke 10:1-3, 17. What do you see in this passage about the ministry of Jesus that we can learn from and apply in our ministry work for God today?**
 - a. What did Jesus do with His disciples? Why do you think it was important to Him to work with a team of disciples? And to provide training?
 - b. Why do you think He sent them out in groups of two?
 - c. What was important about sending them out to work the ground or territory where He would later come to do His public ministry? How does this apply to our ministry work today?
 - d. What does Jesus' observation and call for more gospel workers at that moment say to you about the need for workers and the work we could do for Jesus with well organized groups or teams of workers? *How does this call speak to your heart personally?*
- 4) Do you think Jesus was a strong believer in group Bible studies? Why or why not? What evidence do you have to make you believe this way?**

Practical application:

- 5) With prayer and consideration, how would you like to plan and move forward, with what we've learned today and in this entire series? How can we implement these biblical ideas and lessons for effective ministry in ways pleasing to Jesus?**

Homework: Pray and think about all we have studied in this seminar together. Consider how God would like you and your church to move forward with the information learned. Plan a follow-up meeting with your local pastor (preferably 1-2 weeks out), for all to meet together and discuss the practical application ideas that come to your mind from this season of prayer and consideration. Then develop your church ministry plans together and work together as a team and groups within the team to accomplish God's mission more effectively.

Blessings in Christ! Godspeed in His work!