

CASTING A VISION FOR EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

The vision-casting moment in a Discipleship Group is similar to the Call to Worship – a way to remind one another of our purpose of the meeting, of the broader call of evangelism, discipleship, transformation, and maturity God has placed on our lives. A stated vision and purpose give us as leaders an opportunity to remind our group and ourselves why Groups exist at Midtown.

Ask the group, *“Why are we here?”*

Give the group time to respond and process in their own words.

Follow up with a statement about evangelism and discipleship, using the words ‘disciple’ or ‘discipleship’ to help people create working definitions of each. Here are a few examples:

- ❖ We gather for discipleship – being changed by Jesus – transforming our thoughts and actions to align with who God is and who He says we are.
- ❖ We are here to build safety and trust by the common exploration of Scripture and life experience, to create space for the Holy Spirit to transform us through discipleship.
- ❖ We’re here because we want to be changed by Jesus, and being here is our confession of that reality.
- ❖ Our group is open and inviting to new people - we welcome people who are exploring their faith or who are already on the journey of discipleship with Jesus.
- ❖ As Jesus’ disciples, we know that God speaks to us through the Holy Spirit and others. We gather to create space and opportunity for transformation.
- ❖ God intends for us to grow more and more like Jesus through discipleship and He uses Scripture, the Holy Spirit, and others in this group to challenge and pursue us.
- ❖ This is a safe place to bring and examine your full self, to ask questions, to be transformed by discipleship into the likeness of Christ.
- ❖ As disciples, we encounter God’s word in the community, and through the work and power of the Holy Spirit, we are changed. We also want to share what the Lord reveals here with our friends and neighbors.
- ❖ Our God is a God who reveals himself to us, his disciples, here in the community.

GROUPS

LEADER RESOURCE

- ❖ Our God is a speaking God – He speaks through Scripture, and through the Holy Spirit at work in each of us to disciple our hearts to be more like Jesus.