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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Selected Scriptures

“The Mission of The Bridge Bible Fellowship”

“Our mission is to glorify God by multiplying mature disciples and healthy churches that know Jesus Christ and make Him known.”

Discussion Questions:

1. What is a “mission statement?” How important is a mission statement to you? What are the benefits of a mission statement to a corporation and/or to a church? How does it help a person/organization make decisions?
2. What is the difference between a “personal” mission statement and a “church” mission statement? Is it okay if they are slightly different? How does your answer reflect the diversity of the members in the body of Christ and the diversity of gifts / ministries?
3. What does it mean to “glorify God?” How do we as individuals bring God glory? (Give examples of how you are personally bringing God glory) How do we as a church bring Him glory?
4. Why is “multiplying” such a critical word when it comes to fulfilling the Great Commission? What is the difference between adding and multiplying when it comes to making mature disciples and healthy churches? What difference would this make in the strategy (or DNA) of a church?
5. Why is it important to multiply “mature” disciples instead of just multiplying disciples? (See Eph. 4:11ff; Col. 1:27-29) What are some hallmarks of “mature” disciples (see John 14-17). Are you a mature / maturing disciple of Jesus Christ? Are the hallmarks you just discussed characteristic of your life right now? If not, what will you specifically do this coming week to become more mature in these areas?
6. What are some characteristics of “healthy” churches? If it’s easier, what are some characteristics of “unhealthy” churches? What happens to the cause of Christ if we multiply “immature” disciples and “unhealthy” churches? How is God using you right now to make our church healthier? What else could you do to increase the health of our church?
7. What does it mean for individual disciples and churches as a whole to “know Jesus Christ?” What is the difference between knowing “about” Jesus and knowing Jesus? What are some ways that we can get to know Jesus better (individually and corporately)?
8. Why is it significant that we include the phrase “and make Him known” in our mission statement? What New Testament passages encourage us to make Jesus known to the world? Is it characteristic of most American Christians you know to be zealously evangelistic? What percentage of church members do you think are zealously evangelistic? What would happen if that number was 100%? What do you think it will take for us to approach that number? What will you need to do to become a zealously evangelistic disciple of Jesus and train others to be the same?
9. What specific area of ministry are you serving in currently at TBBF? How does that ministry help us fulfill our mission statement? What specific things are happening in that ministry right now that help? What other things might your ministry area begin to do to help us accomplish the mission?

