

Possible Next Steps for Mercy Hill

What was the New Testament church like?

Acts 1:8
Acts 2:41
Acts 2:47
Acts 6:7
Acts 16:5

In the early church, every disciple was devoted to helping people come to know Jesus, and every group of disciples regularly saw people coming to know Jesus.

How are we doing in being like the New Testament church?

God has given us lots of strengths.

But we are not strong in advancing the Mission — in every disciple helping people come to know Jesus, and every group of disciples regularly seeing people come to know Jesus.

Our goal in this is not to become a big church — but to plant churches of new disciples throughout San Jose who plant churches who plant churches ...

What's the problem?

There's something that Jesus and the early church leaders did — which we have not done: training. Not classroom training, but on-the-job, life-on-life training.

So what are we thinking of doing?

Have a Summer Home Group of home group leaders — to train them in how to advance the mission, and how to lead a home group which advances the mission together.

Have everyone else be cared for during the summer — keep meeting weekly, sharing as men/women? Men/women meet separately? Smaller groupings? Talk about that in home group this coming week.

In the Fall, encourage everyone to consider joining a home group near their home, so they can join together and advance the gospel in the neighborhood of that home group.

HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Have you ever rationalized away your hearing-but-not-doing? How did you try to rationalize it?

Do you agree that if you are hearing-but-not-doing then your faith is worthless — you are not pure and undefiled and accepted and forgiven by God? Why or why not?

Does it make sense to say that doing is necessary — not because it earns salvation — but because it shows I have the faith that brings salvation?

In what area are you hearing but not doing? What are you going to do about this?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

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James

Faith without works is dead

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