

**2023-24 Aim Check-in**

- Becoming disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.
  - Creating a community of faith that meaningfully engages our community of residence.
1. Since you last met as a H2H group, have you made any movement towards the aims we've set?
  2. How might we as a H2H group help support or encourage you towards these aims?

**Discussion Questions Set #1**

“When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.” (Mark 6:34)

“When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick”. (Matthew 14:13-14)

The first context of ministry that we examined in sermon this week was crowd ministry – ministry to larger groups of people (20+ people).

1. Note the following definitions:
  - a. Sympathy refers to the ability to understand the feelings of another.
  - b. Empathy refers to the ability to feel what another feels.
  - c. Compassion refers to the ability to both feel and understand the suffering of others and then take action to help.
2. In sermon, it was suggested that Christ's motivation in crowd ministry was compassion for the crowds. Why is it significant to you that compassion motivated Jesus to ministry in a crowd setting? How might Christ's crowd ministry have differed if motivated by sympathy or empathy?
3. In sermon it was suggested that, in 2024, “we tend approach gathered ministry in the church with a “what can I get out of this” mindset. We, therefore, often do not approach crowd ministry compassionately”. Discuss this quote. Why might our compassionate approach to crowd ministry be lacking? How might we address this?

**Discussion Questions Set #2**

“One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.” (Luke 6:12–16)

The second context of ministry that we examined in sermon this week was circle ministry – ministry to smaller groups of people (10-15 people).

1. Why do you think Jesus chose to specifically interact with His 12 disciples, rather than only issuing general more widely applicable teaching?
2. What does it mean that Jesus and the twelve disciples shared a connection based upon not only a close relational engagement, but based upon the fact that mutual ministry – cooperative and participative ministry – was shared among this group? Why is this sort of connection important?
3. What impact upon one's faith might circle ministry have in 2024?

**Discussion Questions Set #3**

“Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken”. (Ecclesiastes 4:12)

The third context of ministry that we examined in sermon this week was confidant ministry – ministry to a very small group of people (3-4 people).

1. Why do you think Jesus seemed to engage in exclusive ministry to His three confidants?
2. Discuss the following quote: “without confidants in our following of Jesus, we will lack confidence in our faith”.
3. What might confidant ministry look like in your life?



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