

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

"Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing." (John 21:2-3)

"New creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

1. In sermon, it was questioned why this group of seven Spirit-empowered, Jesus-equipped, God's-glory-bearing men decided that the best use of all of this was in casting some fishing nets in the dark. Discuss the possibility that this choice was made due to the fact that the world of new creation ushered in through Christ's resurrection was a very foreign and unfamiliar world.
2. What might it be about engaging in "new creation" that is daunting for the follower of Jesus? What aspect of engaging in "new creation" do you find challenging?

Discussion Questions Set #2

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love." (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you" (Luke 6:27-28).

1. Discuss the reality that the competing messages facing our young people are of great intensity and of immense volume. What messaging do you experience as of great intensity and of immense volume?
2. How does one stay on guard, courageous and strong as a follower of Jesus in the face of such opposition?
3. What might it look like to actively encourage a young person in this regard?
4. Discuss the following quote: "*All kinds of things are to be tolerated, but Jesus and faith in Him, seems to fall outside of that sphere*". Have you experienced this reality?
5. Discuss the idea that in the emerging culture of our young people, it is not primarily a misconception of God that leads to a rejection of the gospel, but a misconception of followers of Jesus that does. What specific challenges does this pose for public declarations of faith in Jesus?
6. Why might followers of Jesus be seen as intolerant, unkind and hateful?
7. Describe how our love for one another helps combat misconceptions about followers of Jesus?

Discussion Questions Set #3

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander." (1 Peter 3:15-16)

1. Fear related to evangelism seems to be a significant challenge to our young people.
 - a. Do you feel equipped and confident to evangelize to others?
 - b. What fears exist when you think of engaging in evangelism?
 - c. How might we overcome such fears, so that we can help others overcome similar fears?