



BiG IDEA SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Small groups that focus on the Big Idea for the week can use this guide to apply the message to life and take action. Feel free to use whatever parts of this guide best fit your group personality and time frame. Do NOT feel like you have to use every question. All verses, unless otherwise noted, are from the New International Version (NIV).

9.12/13.09 // Gone Fishing - Throw the Net

BiG IDEA: *Jesus calls us to fish for many souls, so we need to go where the fish are and throw the net!*

// Ice Breaker _____

Option 1: How did you come to Southpoint?

Option 2: What if the person who invited you to know Christ, or to come to church hadn't done so? Where would you be now?

// Questions for Discussion _____

1. Read 1 Corinthians 9:22

I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.

Who is Southpoint trying to reach? Does this cause you any discomfort?

What do you think of the statement, "We agree to do anything short of sin to reach people who don't know Christ?"

2. Describe your first visit at Southpoint. Did you feel welcomed?

What are some practical things we can do to make others feel welcome at Southpoint?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

Who makes up Southpoint Church? "What you do personally will ultimately drive what we do corporately...that is, this church will only be what you make it to be. If Southpoint is to be an outreach church, what part can each of us play?"

4. Jesus didn't say, "Your church will be fishers of men." He said, "I will make YOU a fisher of men." Yet "evangelism" is also a spiritual gift that not all have. Do you believe you are gifted at evangelism? If not, how can you still be evangelistic, since all Christians are called to be witnesses?
5. In order to have people interested in coming to Southpoint when we ask them, how do you think we should live? How can we be good "bait"-- making our lives attractive and intriguing so that others will want what we have?
6. **Read 2 Timothy 2:2**
And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

Southpoint is a reproducing church. Everyone should bring others along side of them and train them to do the job(s) they are doing (develop apprentices). Why is this important in reaching others - especially with the idea of going Multi-Site?

What are some roadblocks to developing apprentices? What are some ideas to overcome these?

7. To help 'Win Downriver to Christ', Southpoint is planning to add a campus in Allen Park. This will incur some cost. Another way to look at it, is to ask the question 'What will it cost if we don't do this?' How would you answer that question?
8. **Read Matthew 7:7**
Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

What part does prayer play in the success of the Allen Park campus? What should we pray about?

// Application _____

Read and commit to memory 1 Corinthians 9:22
I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.

During the service you put some names on a card of family and friends that could be asked to Southpoint. Pray for them and invite them to Southpoint.

// Prayer _____

Pray for the family and friends who were put on the cards at the end of message. Pray for boldness to ask them and for them to be open to coming. Pray for leaders to be developed for the Allen Park Campus.

