



## **BiG iDEA SMALL GROUP DiSCUSSiON GiDE**

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).

**01.09/10.10 // 3C CHRISTIANS IN A 3G WORLD**

**BiG iDEA:**           **Let's win Downriver to Christ by creating Christians who are committed, connected, and contributing.**

// **Ice Breaker** \_\_\_\_\_

**Option 1:** What items or devices can you think of that have become obsolete, or will soon become outdated? What can you imagine may become obsolete in the future?

**Option 2:** How has our Christian faith been helped and hurt by the 3G world of technology? What potential possibilities and pitfalls do you see for these technologies?

// **Questions for Discussion** \_\_\_\_\_

**-----An Overview of What Southpoint is About-----**

### **3 CORE PRINCIPLES**

#### **We're Christ Centered**

1. **Read Matthew 16:16** Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
  - a. **What do you think it means to be 'Christ Centered'?**
  - b. **Why do you think this is important?**

#### **We're Bible Based**

2. **Read 2 Timothy 3:15 - 17 (NLT)**

You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

**What are some benefits of using the Bible as our foundation? How does it affect our day to day decisions and purpose?**

#### **We're Unity-Minded**

3. **Southpoint's Motto: In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, love.**
  - a. **What are essentials? Non-essentials?**
  - b. **What are some ways we can show love when we disagree on the non-essentials?**

### **3 CORE BELIEFS**

**God (Him) One Father, One Lord (Jesus), One Spirit**

**Salvation (Me) One Faith, One Baptism**

**Church (Us) One Body, One Hope**

**4. Read Matthew 22: 37 - 40 The Great Commandment**

“Jesus said, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart...soul...and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

- a. **What are some ways we can show our love to God?**
- b. **To our neighbors?**

**5. Read Matthew 28: 19 - 20 The Great Commission**

“Go and make disciple of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

- a. **How does Southpoint fulfill this command?**
- b. **How does Southpoint help us to fulfill this command?**

**CREATING 3C CHRISTIANS**

**Committed**

**Relationship = Closeness with God**

**Environment = Worship Services**

**Values= Uplifting Worship, Biblical Teaching, Prayer Ministry, Youth Ministry, Relaxed Atmosphere.**

- 6. **What is the point of taking part in worship services? Why go?**
- 7. **How can we worship and honor God in our everyday lives?**

**Connected**

**Relationship = Community with Believers**

**Environment = Groups**

**Values= Authentic Community, A Healthy Harmonious Atmosphere**

**8. Hebrews 10:24 - 25**

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

- a. **Why do you think the Bible stresses that we meet together?**
- b. **What are some difficulties that may occur if we don't?**

**Contributing**

**Relationship = Impact with the World**

**Environment = Ministry Teams**

**Values= Servant hood, Generosity, Excellence, Evangelism, Reproduction**

**9. Read 1 Peter 4:10 (CEV)**

“Each of you has been blessed with one of God’s many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well.”

- a. **Who are we ultimately serving when we contribute?**
- b. **What are some attitudes that we should have when we serve? What are some practical ways to encourage these attitudes?**

// **Application** \_\_\_\_\_

**Read and commit to memory Matthew 22: 37 - 39**

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**Take the challenge from the message this week-end by filling in below:  
My next step is:** \_\_\_\_\_

// **Prayer** \_\_\_\_\_

- Pray for the unity of the Church - (1 Peter 4:8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.)
- Pray for Southpoint to win Downriver to Christ by creating Christians who are committed, connected, and contributing.