



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).

02.27/28.10 // Countdown to Launch: New Churches, New Sites, New Life

BiG iDEA: Because new churches help bring new life to those who are lost apart from Christ, we want to **PLANT** a new congregation in Allen Park.

// **Ice Breaker** _____

Option 1: Southpoint was planted in the spring of 1992. What do you remember about 1992? Where were you, and what was going on in your world?

Option 2: How “open” or “resistant” were you to the message of Christ before you believed?

// **Questions for Discussion** _____

- 1. Do you think people today are more “open” or “resistant” to the message of Christ today than they were in 1992? What about the people of Downriver specifically? How would you describe the spiritual or religious climate of Downriver?**
- 2. Jesus told parables in Luke 15 (you can read the chapter) about the lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son. What do those stories communicate to you? Who or what helped “find” you when you were lost?**
- 3. Ron Scott asked, “Where would you be, what would your spiritual condition be if Southpoint, or the church where you came to Christ, was not here in your time of need...if people had not cared and sacrificed to help start this church?”**
- 4. What do you think will be the best thing about launching a second Southpoint campus in Allen Park? What do you think will be the greatest challenge?**

5. Every one leaves a legacy of some kind. Most of us want to do whatever we can with “the dash” (on our tombstones). How would you like to be remembered?
6. Zig Ziglar said, “Attitude beats aptitude every time.” Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, “I will build my church.” How can you leverage your influence in a positive manner to help Christ with such a task?
7. In his message, Steve said to take caution because the enemy continues to lurk. What fears or challenges does the enemy point out to you in order to keep you from making a difference? What could the enemy do to thwart our mission at Southpoint, and how can we be prepared for it?
8. Galatians 6:9 says, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” If having the kind of resilience that apostle Paul talks about were an Olympic sport, what medal would you be waiting to receive and why?
9. Steve mentioned that it takes necessary resources in order to reach today’s culture for Christ. What resources do you bring to the team to help advance the mission and impact today’s culture for Christ?

// Application _____

Read and commit to memory Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Think about your legacy. Write out what you like your tombstone to say.

// Prayer _____

Jesus often had people on His mind. Who are the people that are currently on your mind and how can this group help?

This effort will require all hands on deck!
Steve Larson

