# Faith Mission / Vision / Values Study Questions Week 2



#### $\square$ Day 1

- Read Matthew 13:31-33
- Answer (Write or Think):
  - 1. What do you think of when you hear the phrase "Kingdom of heaven"?
  - 2. What is Jesus trying to teach about God's kingdom through these two parables? How is the Kingdom of God different than an earthly kingdom?
  - 3. How have you seen God grow/expand His kingdom?
  - 4. Choose at least one of these additional verses, and look for what else you can learn about the Kingdom of God:

    Matthew 6:33; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 17:20-21; Romans 14:17

#### $\bigwedge$ **Pray** – Pray these verses by:

Praising God for the aspects of His kingdom, dwelling place, and glory that are beautiful,

Asking God to expand His kingdom through all sorts of means, and Asking God to give you a Kingdom-centered perspective.

#### □ <u>Day 2</u>

- Read Acts 17:22-34
- Answer (Write or Think):
  - 1. What are some ways that Paul met these Athenians "intentionally and personally"?
  - 2. What are some of Paul's themes in this outreach-oriented sermon of his?

#### Read 1 Thessalonians 2:8

#### Answer (Write or Think):

- 3. Why is it important to Paul that he share "not only the gospel of God but also our very selves"?
- 4. Which of those two is easier for you to share? Why?
- 5. How could you work on the weaker of those two areas?

### ♣ Pray – Spend time:

Thanking God for bringing you from death to life,
Praising Him for how He brings new life to people, and
Praying for one of your non-Christian friends or family members, that God
would reveal Himself to them and that they would continue to be "dear to
you."

#### $\square$ Day 3

#### u Read John 15:1-11

#### Answer (Write or Think):

- 1. What are some of the blessings of Christ being the vine, and we being the branches?
- 2. How is "abiding in Christ" connected with discipleship? (see v.8)
- 3. According to v.11 what does Jesus say is one of the ultimate goals of his teachings?
- 4. When have you experienced more joy because of following after Jesus? (e.g. by denying yourself, or 'taking up your cross,' or 'losing your life for his sake')
- 5. What is one area of spiritual growth / discipleship that you need to work on?

## $\bigwedge$ **Pray** – Pray these verses by:

Repenting of your unbelief and unwillingness to abide in Christ, Asking God for a renewed desire to deny yourself and follow after Jesus, Receiving the joy that Jesus promises by being his disciple.