

## **Adding Value(s) Small Group Guide**

**Warm-up Question:** (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. What is one “rule” you had in your home growing up?
2. What is one area in your life in which you think you are pretty disciplined?

**Read the following passages:** Read Matthew 7:21-23; 28:18-20.

God has made us to worship him, to live in relationship with others, and to walk in the mission he has given to us. Freedom Church shares with the Every Nation family of churches the following five values that capture this purpose: the Lordship of Jesus Christ, Evangelism, Discipleship, Leadership Development, and Family.

**Questions for Discussion** (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. In Matthew 7:21-23, what does Jesus insist is essential for participating in the kingdom of God? What should accompany a genuine confession that “Jesus is Lord”? Jesus’ example of people who were driving out demons and performing many miracles in his name, yet never knew him, is striking. (See Acts 19:13-16 for an interesting case.) What is the main point Jesus is making here?
2. How would you assess your own commitment to obeying Jesus? Are there any specific areas you think you need to make a change? Explain.
3. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus instructs his disciples to make disciples among all people groups on earth. Do you ever think about how you might help others become followers of Jesus? What are some practical ways we can engage this mission in our own context? What do you think are some of the biggest hindrances to the people you know becoming followers of Jesus? What might we do to help overcome those barriers?
4. What factors have helped you grow the most as a follower of Jesus? What is one way you would like to grow over the next few months?
5. At Freedom Church we emphasize six core practices of discipleship. These practices certainly don’t capture everything it means to be a follower of Jesus, but they do provide a strong foundation for our growth and participation in God’s mission. How would you assess your engagement of each of the following core practices?
  - Attend Sunday services
  - Read the Bible and pray every day
  - Commit to a small group
  - Serve on a Volunteer Team
  - Pray daily for three people who are not yet following Jesus Christ

- Give a percentage of your income to the church
6. Read John 13:34-35, Galatians 6:10, and Matthew 12:46-50. Are you accustomed to thinking about your relationships with other followers of Jesus in terms of family? What are some ways we might deepen our relationships with a few other believers?
  7. Of the following five values — Lordship, Evangelism, Discipleship, Leadership Development, and Family — which do you feel you need to put the most attention on in your current season of life? What are some steps you can take?

**Pray**