

CALLED & ABLE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SESSION 5

1. *Ask your neighbor:* In his book, *Reluctant Witness*, Don Everts outlined that the average Christian has less than ten spiritual conversations in a year. *Is talking about God's work in your life commonplace in your home, with your friends, around FPC, with your children, etc.? Why do you think that is?*
2. Jim Singleton said it usually takes 18 months for small groups to grow in intimacy together. *How would this be similar or different in a D-Group (of 3-4 people)? In a 1:1 discipleship relationship? What stumbling blocks do you foresee when it comes to multiplication in either format?*
3. FPC plans to make multiplication *optional* for groups—groups can discuss at the beginning and revisit during the year if they want to plan to multiply, or would rather plan to stay together. However, the value of multiplication remains essential to disciple-making. *How could groups that want to stay together still make multiplication a priority in their individual lives and as a group? How could you imagine implementing that in your own life, whether starting a 1:1 discipling relationship in addition to your D-Group, or mentoring someone to start their own D-Group? Any other ideas?*
4. Most non-Christians will encounter Jesus *outside of the church*, through friends, neighbors, classmates, and colleagues like us. *How does that challenge, intimidate, or inspire us? How could D-Groups equip us to have the relationships (and eventually spiritual conversations) with those outside the church?*
5. Mike Breen, the missional church and biblical discipleship expert Jim quoted, said that if you build a church, you might make disciples—but if you make disciples, you WILL make a church. *Do you agree or disagree? Why? If a church-wide discipleship journey will not only transform our witness to those outside the church, but will also transform our church, how could you envision FPC evolving to make this possible?*