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SERIES OVERVIEW

The purpose of the WE THE CHURCH initiative is to mobilize all of God's people for the gospel saturation of North America. What is gospel saturation? It is the process of helping each person understand their role as ambassadors of the good news where they live, learn, work and play so that every man, woman, and child has repeated opportunities to see, hear, and respond to the good news of Jesus Christ.



WEEK 1: UNITY

There is one church with one mission- gospel saturation.



WEEK 2: TRANSFORMATION

Personal transformation leads to gospel saturation.



WEEK 3: MOBILIZATION

Gospel saturation is accomplished through living the good news where we live, learn, work and play.



WEEK 4: COLLABORATION

Partnering together in the work of gospel saturation is God's design.



WEEK 5: MULTIPLICATION

Gospel saturation occurs when disciple makers make new disciple makers.



During this session, we will be introduced to the following biblical concept that is, by and large, unfamiliar to North American Christians: the mission of reaching others with the good news of Jesus is accomplished primarily through the unity of believers around the gospel. John 17 tells us that Jesus prayed that we would lay aside our endless amounts of agendas and reprioritize our hierarchy of interests in order to become unified around one common mission: every man, woman, and child is given repeated opportunities to see, hear, and respond to the good news of Jesus Christ where they live.

Participant Note:

Be prepared to share openly and honestly about your experience, hopes, hurts and hesitations around the possibility of unity becoming a reality. Begin to dream and conspire with each other about what it would be like to link arms with others for the purpose of experiencing gospel saturation.

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b. Why?			

SMALL GROUP **discussion guide**



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Make a compre	hensive list.	
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in vs. 20-26, what is God in control of, what am I in control of and what are others in control of? As a group, fill in the appropriate columns with the following:

Example:

In the "Me" column, you might record that *unity* between me and other Christians is in my control.

GOD	ME	OTHERS

Discuss your findings from all three columns.

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THERE IS ONE CHURCH WITH ONE MISSION: GOSPEL SATURATION.

WEEK 1 SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

10 How could you, individually or as a group, be united in the mission with other believers?

Of the list you compiled, ch What will you do, when and	
Make a Plan:	
What will you do?	
When will you do it?	



ONE COMMON MISSION: EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD IS GIVEN REPEATED OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE, HEAR, AND RESPOND TO THE GOOD **NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST WHERE** THEY LIVE.





During this session, we will be introduced to the following biblical concept that is, by and large, unfamiliar to North American Christians: *The gospel is about metamorphosis- the complete and radical transformation of our lives and our communities.*

Romans 12:1-2 tells us that the gospel so radically changes us that everything becomes new! This radical change inevitably results in the transformation of our communities because we cannot help but want others to experience the kind of radical metamorphosis we have experienced by giving every man, woman and child repeated opportunities to see, hear and respond to the good news of Jesus.

Participant Note:

Be prepared to share times in your life where you have experienced change or where you have seen it in the lives of others. This does not have to be limited to your spiritual life only. You can discuss physical, mental or emotional changes like weight loss, moving houses, getting married, etc. Have fun with this discussion as it is intended to orient the group to the idea of change.

Read Romans 12:1-2

a. What stood out to you as the text was read?					
b. Why	y?				



'Living" and "sacrifice" are contradictory terms. What does it mean to be a "living sacrifice"?	
Create a "Living" column and list the characteristics be 'Sacrifice" column and list the characteristics below. Th 'Living Sacrifice" column and list the characteristics be the characteristics from your "Living" and "Sacrifice" co	nen create a low combining

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SMALL GROUP **Discussion guide**



5	How are you currently being transformed by God? Describe. How are you purposefully making yourself available for him to transform you through spiritual practices? What spiritual practices do you need to start or re-start?
6	How have you treated the gospel as a set of truths to know; concepts to master; facts to learn; information to consume; sermons to hear; books to studychurch to attend? Explain.
7	a. Describe the life transformation/metamorphosis you have experienced as a Christian?



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THE GOSPEL IS ABOUT METAMORPHOSIS - THE COMPLETE AND RADICAL TRANSFORMATION OF OUR LIVES AND OUR COMMUNITIES.





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Matthew 28:5-7 is the announcement by the angel that Jesus is risen from the dead. The angel does not say, "Go get everyone you know and bring them here to see the empty tomb and listen to me tell them what I've just told you so they too will believe that Jesus is the Messiah!" Rather, he tells the women to "go and tell"! By doing so, others believed.

Participant Note:

Be prepared to share an example where you have heard some news or information from someone that changed your life. For example, how did you hear about 9/11? You probably were not in New York City when that occurred and it was not necessary to hear it from someone who was there in order to believe it happened and for your life to be changed by that information. The vast majority of the world heard the news from another source first.

a	a. What stood out to you as the text was read?	
b	b. Why?	

WEEK 3 SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

ospel with them) or a hybrid?	Why? Describe	.
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	who fits the '		, what do you need to tegory? Where can yo

🔓 What are the names of 3 people with whom you live, learn, work and

play who need the gospel? These are people who are far from God but close to you and are genuinely open to a relationship? How can you begin (or continue) the conversation about Jesus?



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	one of those people in your life who would inversation about the gospel:
With whom will you have a pre-gospel or explicit gospel conversation?	
When will you begin?	
Where will you begin?	
What will you say?	
Who will keep you accountable?	





During this session, we will be introduced to the following biblical concept that is, by and large, unfamiliar to North American Christians: Gospel saturation of a geography is only possible when Christians of different backgrounds collaborate together.

Romans 16 is the last portion of Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome and it's a unique chapter in the Bible. In 27 verses he mentions 37 people who are all very different from one another. Yet, they are unified around one mission in the same city of Rome and they are partnering together to share the good news of Jesus. The gospel is for every person in every place. And while the gospel is exclusively centered on Jesus, it is unrestricted in who it will reach.

Participant Note:

Be prepared to share about diversity in your life. Do you live with people who are largely the same as you or different? Think of gender, race, language, economics, education, careers, politics, interests, etc. If you spend significant amounts of time around diverse people, what do you have in common with them that helps you overcome what would otherwise divide you?

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a. W	at stood out to	you as the	text was re	ad?	
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	you think it is easier or more difficult to collaborate today than s when Paul wrote this to the church in Rome? Why or why not?
col	nat experiences (positive and/or negative) have you had laborating around the mission of Jesus with the following ople:
•	Others where you live, learn, work and play who are not from your church?
•	Others where you live, learn, work and play who are not from your church
•	People who are different from you (ethnically, denominationally, etc.)?
	ve you experienced or heard of others collaborating around the spel? Give some examples of what that looked like.
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- **6** Why do you think it is so challenging to collaborate? List some challenges in the table below.
- 7 Take each challenge mentioned in question #6 and find a solution to overcome that challenge?

CHALLENGES	SOLUTIONS
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8 How can you begin to collaborate around that mission together as a small group and with other Christians outside of your church? Create a strategic plan:

With whom will you collaborate?	
When will you begin?	
Where will you begin?	
What will you say?	
Who will keep you accountable?	





During this session, we will be introduced to the following biblical concept that is, by and large, unfamiliar to North American Christians: The Kingdom grows through multiplication as the Holy Spirit uses ordinary people like you and me to - not only share the gospel - but equip other people to do the same. He raises up people from the harvest for the harvest.

Acts 2:42 says, "All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching..." And what was the apostles' teaching? It certainly was about who to believe in- Jesus- and what to believe about him. But there was more. Jesus spent approximately three years training twelve apostles and other followers. He then commissioned them to go out and reproduce that process with others. Jesus started the Church to be a movement of multiplication so that the Church would grow exponentially. We are now called to play our part in the story. Your faith is a result of generations of multiplication. You're invited to be the next link in the chain.

Participant Note:

Be prepared to discuss why viruses spread so quickly and consider what parallels there are with how the gospel was intended to multiply through disciples making disciples who make disciples (multiplication).

1	Read	Acts	2:1-47
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a. What st	ood out to y	ou as the te	xt was read?	•
b. Why?				

WEEK 5 SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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share the go you live, lea	ospel with someone in your circle of inform, work and play)? - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 -	fluence (where 8 - 9 - 1
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share the go you live, lead 1 - 2 What do you	ospel with someone in your circle of inform, work and play)? - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 -	fluence (where 8 - 9 - 1 sharing your faith?



multiplies other disciples? What do you need in order to do that?				
Create a strategic plan to disciples:	begin making disciples who will make			
With whom will you do this?				
What will you do?				
When will you begin?				
Where will you begin?				
Who will keep you accountable?				



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