

# FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

## **Love Your City Like a Mission Field** **Special Message from Matthew 9:35–38**

Think about where our church campus is located within the Fort O community. Are we part of the “fabric” of this community the way we used to be? Now more than ever, as our community and culture become more post-Christian, the spiritual divide between our campus and the people around us is becoming wider and deeper. But what if we began to think differently about our community? More specifically, what if each one of us learned to think like a missionary? Jesus gives us important incites into that way of thinking. Read Matthew 9:35–38.

How would your thinking change if our church campus were planted in the middle of a “foreign” country amongst people who did know Jesus? Being able to think as a missionary would be critical in that setting for sure, but what about in our own post-Christian culture? Jesus helps us think more missionally when we focus on the following...

1. Having the same Perspective as Jesus.
2. Having the same Passion like Jesus.
3. Having the same Power from Jesus.

### **Questions for Group Discussion:**

1. How did Jesus demonstrate having an outward perspective?
2. Why do churches often turn inward and lose their evangelistic focus?
3. What does Jesus see when He looks at our North GA community?
4. How would you describe the compassion of Jesus and what it means to you?
5. How do you view the mission and mission field for our church?
6. Why is prayer so important when it comes to advancing God’s mission?
7. Church attendance is declining. What should we do to turn that around?
8. Why does missional passion fade after a special trip and how do we sustain it?

### **Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:**

How will thinking missionally change how you live this week?

How will this study bring you closer to Jesus and how will you help others?

### **Notes & Reflections:**