



### Introduction:

It's a BIG WEEKEND at Valley!

- Launching our new "Live at 6:45" Thursday night service
- Jared Dodson's final weekend on staff
- First ever Compassion Weekend (San Isidro, Honduras)
- Unveiling vision for Valley's future expansion

### What Do We Believe the Future Holds for Valley Church?

1. Continue to be a dynamic, Bible-teaching, spirit-filled \_\_\_\_\_
2. A multi-use \_\_\_\_\_ center that positions us to be a great blessing to our region
3. Providing \_\_\_\_\_-centered day-care for working families who would entrust their kids to our influence
4. A way to accommodate \_\_\_\_\_ and future growth

### Understanding the Story...

God's faithfulness through Covid

Our stewardship of the property God has given us (our "Jerusalem")

The desire to remain focused on global missions ("ends of the earth")

**Matthew 28:18-20** 18 All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

## QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

### Personal Life:

1. Have you previously been (or are you currently) involved with Compassion International or any other Child Sponsorship ministry such as World Vision, etc.? What have you experienced through your involvement?

### Ponderings:

2. In the "Great Commission," Jesus tells us to "go and make disciples." What many do not realize is that the word "go" is a participle, not a command. The command is to make disciples. More literally, the verse should say, "*as you are going, make disciples.*"

In other words, "as you are going...to the grocery store, the barber shop, the soccer game, the family gathering, etc...make disciples."

How does this understanding affect the way you might interpret and respond to Christ's directives in this passage? Discuss...

3. Valley has decided to partner with Compassion International for numerous reasons: integrity, longevity, effectiveness, Christ-centeredness, etc. What are your thoughts about this new partnership, and why is it so critical that we never lose sight of the "ends of the earth," even as we're simultaneously called to reach our "Jerusalem?" Discuss...
4. What are the most common ways we get distracted from consciously participating in the Great Commission? How can we purposefully correct this tendency to be distracted? Discuss...

### Promptings:

5. If we (believers) invested the same level of passion into the Great Commission that we often invest in politics, social issues, etc. how might the spiritual landscape of nations change?

While political and social change is not unimportant, are you willing to adjust your priorities to reflect God's priority of bringing the Gospel to all peoples of the world? Discuss what that might look like in practical terms...