



Discussion Questions • The Moment We Are In, The Mission We Are On

- 1. Read Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:47-49, John 20:21, and Acts 1:8.**
 - a. What stands out to you about these five versions of the great commission?

 - b. Is there really any debate about the “mission” that Jesus has left us to fulfill?

2. What is the difference with simply “living out the gospel” vs. actually “speaking the gospel”?

- 3. Read Matthew 5:13-16 with I Peter 3:13-17.**
 - a. What are the contrasts that you see?

 - b. What emphasis should we place on social justice and good works vs. the simple proclamation of the gospel?

 - c. When and where do “good deeds” come into our Gospel expressions?

- 4. Read Jeremiah 29:4-7 alongside Psalm 137.**
 - a. If we today, are a people “living in exile”- what would the LORD have to say to us about settling down into the culture of our day and making an impact for the glory of God?

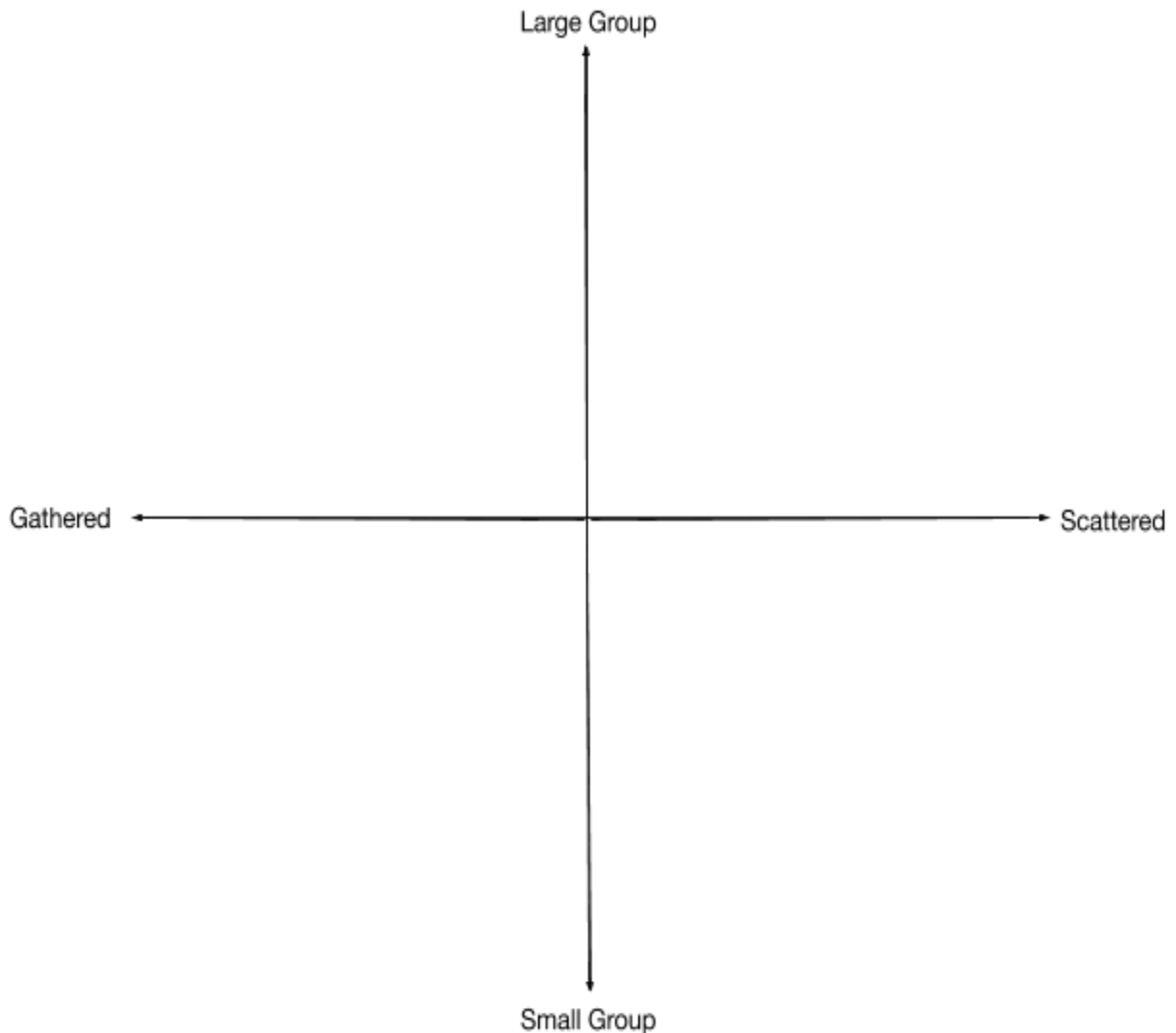
 - b. How do we not fall into the Psalm 137 trap of a victimization mindset, yet also not overly accommodate our lives to the culture around us?



5. Take some time to use one or more of the charts/graphs below to talk about your level of engagement with the world around you.

THE GATHERED / SCATTERED CONTINUUM


- a) How much of our time, energy, relationships and investments are spent in each quadrant?
 - i) Write down what activities you are engaged in during one week into the quadrants.
 - ii) Put how many hours you spend in each of the activities.
 - iii) How can we have a greater impact in all four quadrants?
- b) Which area do you feel NCC is strongest at equipping us for?
- c) Which quadrant is the hardest for you personally? Why?





THE ART OF NEIGHBORING TEST

- a) Write down the first Name of those who live next door all around your home.
- b) Give the First & Last Name of those who live next door.
- c) Note some personal information based on the relationship you have with them.
- d) What do you know about the Faith journey and/or spiritual condition of each of these neighbours?

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THE ENGEL SCALE - RELATIONAL AUDIT

- a) List the names of people with whom you have a significant relationship/friendship in the matching column that matches where they are in their spiritual journey.
- b) What does your graph tell you about your life and missional engagement?
- c) If you combine your lists as a group – what does your “network” look like?
- d) What are some things you should be praying for as a group? As Individuals?
- e) How can you as a group grow your engagement with pre-Christians?



| Other or "NONES" | Closed Hostile "DONE" | Open Searching | Baby | Maturing | Reproducing |
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OPTIONAL: What is one thing you are willing to change in your life as a result of what you have learned from the discussion?

Wrap Up and Prayer

Pray for each other as you apply what you have learned along with other requests.