# BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS THAT BUILD DISCIPLES THE REASON BEHIND OUR RELATIONSHIPS

## **GET TALKING**

When did you first visit Parkway? Why did you come? Why did you stay?

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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." Matthew 28:19-20

#### A DISCIPLE IS ONE WHO BELIEVES IN JESUS FOR ETERNAL LIFE AND IS FOLLOWING HIM WITH ALL OF THEIR LIFE.

19 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. **Romans 12:1-2** 

### DISCUSS AND APPLY

How would you describe a current day "disciple"?

What does Jesus tell the church to do in Matthew 28:19-20? How does each of these work to build disciples?

According to Pastor Mike, what is the difference between a disciple and a believer?

# WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5

Big Idea: The reason behind our relationships is discipleship. Everything that happens in our church and in small group encourages people to take their next step.

# NEXT LEVEL QUESTIONS

Use these questions to customize or deepen the discussion.

In Matthew 28:17, why do you think that the disciples worshiped Jesus, but some doubted Him?

Jesus begins the Great Commission with the statement in Matthew 28:18: Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." What gives Jesus the authority to commission the disciples and how does this commission apply to you?

When and how do you first believe in Jesus for life?

What does 1 John 5:11-13 say about knowing that you now have eternal life? Read Romans 12:1-2.

According to Romans 12:1, what is the job of a disciple?

What does it mean to offer your body as a living sacrifice to God? How can this be done on a daily basis?

 According to Romans 12:2, what steps should a believer take to continue to grow as a disciple?

What is the difference between conforming to the world and being transformed by the renewing of your mind?

As you think about where you are right now, what do you need to focus on to be a disciple who follows Jesus with all of your life?

PRAY AND ENCOURAGE

Do you know how to invite and encourage someone to believe in Jesus for eternal life?

What are some ways that you can invite and encourage others to believe in Jesus for life?

What is the greatest challenge you have to tell others about Jesus?

