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In John 6.63-66, even some of the _____ who had followed Jesus from town to town did not really believe, and quit following him when they disagreed with his teaching.

In Matthew 9.35-38, Jesus desired his _____ to become workers of the harvest and shepherds to the people.

Are you a disciple of Jesus? _____ So will you follow Jesus' example in ministry? _____

For Jesus, ministry was _____. He didn't need mass media, fancy programs, buildings, or even money. He focused on raising up shepherds who would use his methods to guide the masses and reproduce more shepherds from the masses. He invested in people who would become multiplying disciples, who would grow equipped to share the gospel and to mentor the next new believer.

The twelve _____ were Jesus' small group. They received a more intense experience, more access to Jesus, more ministry training and mentoring from Jesus than the other disciples. We need to develop small groups in which a shepherd leader invests in growing the others with teaching and training in the context of strong friendships.

In that small group, _____ of the twelve received even more mentoring from Jesus [Mark 5.37-43; 9.2-13; 13.3-37; 14.33-42]. Intentional mentoring is the only sustainable way to raise up more shepherds, more multiplying disciples of Christ, so that we build a strong church filled with such people and have enough small groups for the others to grow into shepherds also.

In _____ 28.18-20, Jesus commanded his small group to continue making multiplying disciples, through evangelism [baptizing] and ongoing mentoring/coaching [teaching]. We multiply the image of God throughout the earth, just as God said when he first created people. This is a foundational aspect of our life purpose.

The pastor mentors and trains others to become _____ in the church, then coaches and supports them. They meet together weekly at first for mentoring and training, then monthly for coaching. These shepherds learn how to do with others what the pastor has done with them. They learn by experiencing it but also by studying and talking through the concepts. They grow strong in Bible knowledge and Bible study skills, they learn how to share the gospel, how to teach, how to mentor, how to lead small groups, so that these shepherds not only can serve as small group leaders, they can multiply by developing more shepherds from the people in their groups.

In our church, people can join a _____, in which they will grow to be a stronger Christian, a better friend, and even an assistant shepherd who is getting individual mentoring.

In the 3+1 format, every month the group does something _____ together!

That one week each month is a great time to _____ an unchurched friend.

Small groups are an opportunity to build strong _____ with people who share your values and faith. You have fun and do life together; you get to know each other and grow together. You will find people who will encourage you, affirm you, accept you how you are yet help you grow better; people who will care for you and be kind to you, who will pray for you and serve you in the group.

In small group, you will discuss how to apply _____ passages to your life, so you can learn how to walk with God and be empowered by him for life, together.

_____ True or False: The New Testament and other early church literature gives examples of multiplying disciples making more multiplying disciples.

_____ True or False: Mentoring has been proven effective even in our age as a way to create multiplying disciples who can make more multiplying disciples.

By being mentored, you could learn how to _____ others the fundamental beliefs of our faith, and you would reinforce your own knowledge of these beliefs; you could learn how to train others in evangelism, mentoring leadership, and teaching, and how to do those things better yourself; you could improve your relationship with God and your relationships with other people, and learn how to help others in the same way.

If each leader multiplies just _____ every couple of years, the number of shepherd leaders in the church would double every couple of years.

There is no way a single _____ can be fully, relationally, effective at ministering to several dozen adults and their children, especially if he has to do most of the administrative work too. But with effective mentoring, which raises up shepherd leaders of small groups who also become effective at mentoring, the church can sustain steady growth while effectively ministering to everyone who joins.

When mentoring and small groups are functioning well, evangelism will _____ throughout the church, spiritual growth will accelerate, giving increase, serving increase, and the glory given to God increase. And we will be sending out more missionaries and church planters.

The only thing in this room that is eternal is _____.

In Mark 8.34, Jesus said, "If anyone wants to become my follower, he must _____ himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Are you ready to do this, to really follow Jesus? _____

Those who do not believe in Jesus could find a _____ to help them learn what the Bible says, so they could make an informed decision about faith.

Those who believe in Jesus should _____ the church as a member, making a commitment to the unity and work of the church.

Church members should invest in _____ through a small group, making those people and that group a priority in life, committing to building relationships with those people and to grow spiritually together.

As you grow stronger in faith and to be more like Christ, you will desire more intensive _____ from your small group shepherd leader or an elder, to become a shepherd leader yourself.