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Church

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



This guide is intended for personal reflection and to help facilitate a meaningful group discussion. Take a moment to watch the video and read over the guide before your group meeting. Be prepared with some personal examples to help encourage discussion. If helpful, before you meet, print out or email a copy of this guide to all those who will attend the meeting.

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MADE TO FLOURISH

When we talk about the Marks of a Faith Driven Entrepreneur we eventually get to the one we like to call Connected to the Global Church. This is a reminder that we are part of something that is much bigger than just our small corner of the globe where we live, work, and worship. It's important that we have a bigger world view.

And yet, I can't help but wonder if at times we become too geographically focused. We think about a place or location. A continent, or a country. But let's look at the global church from a different perspective.

We often connect church with a building or a physical structure of some kind. We talk about inside and outside of church. We go to church. And before you know it, we inadvertently start to separate sacred from secular, as if God himself is operating in two different realms. It's a tragedy for the modern-day Christ follower to believe that God is present only in a building or a place designated by us as holy.

God is bigger than that. He is truly global. He always has been. Throughout Scripture we're reminded of God's heart for all the nations of the world. Because he has a redemptive plan for all of us and all of this around us.

Let's talk more about being Connected to the Global Church.



GUIDING SCRIPTURE:

"So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit." —Ephesians 2:19-20

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ACTION	FOCUS	ESTIMATED TIME
Welcome	<p>QUESTION: What burdens are you carrying? What do you need to put aside today to be present and here to support your growth and contribute meaningfully.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 seconds around the circle • Verbalize what to put aside. • Option to write and put in a basket. 	10 mins
Video Session	<p>INTRODUCTION: The global church is not limited by time or space. It is always and forever. You and I are part of something that is eternal and without limits. This is an important backdrop for us. Because we miss things. And sometimes we take things for granted. Tom Nelson, president of Made to Flourish, had a moment like this in his pastoral role. He realized that he neglected the place most people spend the most time—work. Something shifted.</p>	15 mins
Group Discussion	<p>Group Discussion: Tom says something profoundly impactful during this video: "Integration of faith and work is essential, not optional." Ask each person to share and incorporate any learnings from the video. Here are a few questions to get you started:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would it look like for us to lean into this idea that we can be a part of something bigger than ourselves? • What if we said, "I trust you, God. I trust your church. I'm all in." <p>Facilitator asks if any members would like to share an action they are committing to take this month based on the discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group members share any practice they would like to start or discontinue in their personal life of business via Zoom chat or post-it note • Other members agree to pray for and hold them accountable.. 	45-60 mins
(Optional) Business Spotlight	<p>One individual presents information on their business venture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One person shares about their business model, stage and scope • Participants ask questions and get to know more 	10 mins
Prayer	<p>The group wraps in a time of prayer and encouragement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popcorn prayer—Designate one person to begin the prayer and another person to end the prayer. Then allow space and moments of silence for people to pray as they feel led. • Zoom rooms or small groups for prayer 	10 mins

Discussion Questions

Pastors play an essential part in God's mission to see churches and communities flourish. This includes valuing what people do outside of church on Sundays. You can see and feel it—a growing movement, desire, and cultivation of the belief that Christianity is not only true, but good, and it changes the way we work. But as entrepreneurs, if we're not careful, we'll miss it. So often we go off and try to do things on our own. It's the danger of being a lone wolf. We get weary of the slow pace and we start to run out ahead of the pack. Here are a few more questions to help your group go even deeper in discussion.

LOCAL BUSINESS, GLOBAL MISSION

God is global. That means as his followers through Christ, we are called to have a bigger and more inclusive view of the world around us.

- **What are ways you can conduct your business locally while still having a global mission? Or do you feel like God is calling your business to be in partnership with people around the world?**

PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN JUST OURSELVES

Faith Driven Entrepreneur is a global movement made up of each one of us. And it's driven by all of us. Already thousands of Christ-following business owners like you in nearly 100 countries have participated in a Foundation Group.

- **How does it make you feel to know that you are not alone? How does your perspective change knowing that you are part of something much bigger than yourself? How might you spark this global movement in your local community?**

5 Ideas to Explore the Mark Further

There's no limit to the ways you can explore the Marks of a Faith Driven Entrepreneur. What we provide below are five ideas we think might lead each one of us to an even greater understanding of our God-given call to create.

1. **Journal:** Write down a few ways that you unnecessarily separate secular from sacred. In what ways do you limit church to a building or a location? How might you begin to take ownership of your role in the global church?
2. **Interact:** This month, research ways that you can answer the call to be the church no matter where you work, live, or worship. How might you embrace the idea that church is eternal and not limited by time or space? How does your perspective change as a result?
3. **Consider:** During today's video session, Henry encourages us to use our call to create as a way to faithfully follow God's lead. To bring people together. What would it look like for us if there was no separation between secular and sacred and we began to see God's presence all around us and at every turn?
4. **Act Differently:** How are you neglecting the very thing that God is calling us to—the church? He called it into existence for a reason. Like him, we are made to be in community with one another and with him. And we can only go further together. How might you go "all in" with a global community of faith?
5. **Learn From Others:** Visit faithdrivenentrepreneur.org to learn more or join the conversation by listening to our weekly Faith Driven Entrepreneur Podcast.

Entrepreneurs can travel a lonely road. But you're not alone. You're sitting next to a group of like-minded business owners right now. One of the best ways to grow the Faith Driven Movement is to multiply your group.

Is someone in your group ready to raise his or her hand to start a Faith Driven Entrepreneur Group at a local church? Apply at faithdrivenentrepreneur.org/lead-a-group