

Multiply | Vision

Matthew 28: 18-20

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I. It is important to praise God for what He's done as we trust Him for what He's yet to do. (Deuteronomy 8:11-17)

Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe His commands, His laws and His decrees that I am giving you this day. 12Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 15He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness

—Deuteronomy 8:11-15

II. Our Mission And Our Heart

a. We exist to glorify God by making disciples who make a big deal of Jesus where we live, learn, work, and play. (Matthew 28:16-20)

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

—Matthew 28:18-20

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15And how are they to preach unless

they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

—Romans 10:14-15

- Grow in the Gospel
- Connect in Community
- Mature as Disciples
- Multiply Your Influence

b. We desire to create a healthy leadership culture where we’re equipping leaders to serve God’s mission in the world. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

- LEAD: Leadership Institute
- LAUNCH: Ministry Residency Program
- MULTIPLY: Church Planting Initiative

And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12to equip the saints for the work of ministry,

—Ephesians 4:11-12

III. Multiply: Expanding Our Gospel Influence

1. Existing Ministry
2. Church Planting
3. Debt Reduction

Study Questions:

1. Spend some time celebrating what God has done in your life, personally. In addition, talk about how you’ve seen God work through Southbrook Church during your time here. Read Deuteronomy 8:11-17. Take a few minutes to pause and praise God for His grace and provision.
2. Churches can sometimes get so busy managing present-day needs that they fail to prayerfully seek God for the future. Read Matthew 28:16-20. Why is it important for churches to have a

sense of urgency when it comes to fulfilling God's mission in the world? Explain. Consider what living urgently might look like for you as well as for our church. Discuss these things with your group and talk about any next steps you might be able to take to begin living this way.

3. As we launch Multiply, share with your group some of your initial thoughts about what you've heard. What most excites you about where God is leading Southbrook? What most challenges you as you think about the future of our church? Finally, share with your group any specific promptings you've felt thus far from the Holy Spirit as it relates to the part you might play in this initiative.

Prayer Points:

- Write down how you've seen God be faithful to you, personally, as well as towards Southbrook. Then, take a few minutes to praise God for His goodness.
- Ask God to show you what your next step needs to be in your journey as a disciple of Jesus. Be prayerful about when and how to take this next step.
- Begin praying for God to move and work in your life as we kick-off Multiply. Ask Him to give you a receptive heart to hear what He's speaking to you.