

Connect Group Conversation Questions

Week of January 7, 2024

MAIN IDEA

In this week's message, Pastor Steve invited us to see 360 Church not just as a congregation but as a family where everyone has a significant role. He introduced the concept of the four 'P's that typically draw people to a church: People, Programs, Places, and Personalities. He suggested a vital addition: Partnership. Pastor emphasized that every church member is a mouthpiece for the Gospel, not just the clergy. Delving into the book of Philippians, he highlighted the role of everyday people like us in God's work, stressing the importance of overcoming obstacles and engaging in growing the Kingdom of God.

Leader Tip:

Encourage your group to think beyond traditional roles in the church. Remind them that they are all essential partners in spreading the Gospel, as Pastor Steve highlighted. This perspective can lead to a richer, more engaging discussion on personal contributions to God's work.

TALK IT OUT

- **Exploring Partnership:** Pastor Steve introduced the concept of five 'P's in the church, with Partnership being key. How do you see yourself as a partner in God's work, and what practical steps can you take to contribute to this partnership? (Philippians 1:7)
- **The Role of Every Believer:** Reflecting on the idea that everyone is a mouthpiece for the Gospel, not just clergy, how can you actively share your faith in your daily life? (Philippians 1:7)
- **Overcoming Obstacles:** In light of the sermon, can you share a time when an obstacle in your life led to a deeper dependence on God and strengthened your partnership in the Gospel? (Philippians 1:12-14)
- **Active Faith Beyond Sundays:** Discuss ways we can live out our faith beyond Sunday services, in our homes, workplaces, or schools. How can these actions reflect our partnership in the Gospel? (Acts 1:8)

Students/Young Adults

- **Understanding Partnership:** Considering Pastor Steve's message about partnership in the Gospel, what are some ways you as a student can contribute to this partnership in your school or community? (Philippians 1:7)
- **Personal Witness:** How can you, in your own way, be a mouthpiece for the Gospel among your friends and in your daily activities? (Philippians 1:7)
- **Facing Challenges:** Share a challenge you've faced that helped you grow in your faith. How did this experience strengthen your understanding of partnership in God's work? (Philippians 1:12-14)
- **Role Models and Mentorship:** Who in your life embodies the idea of being a partner in the Gospel? What can you learn from them to apply in your own life? (Philippians 1:1)

Parents of School-Aged Children

- **Parental Influence in Faith:** As a parent, how can you model the concept of partnership in the Gospel to your children? Discuss ways to involve your family in sharing your faith. (Philippians 1:7)
- **Navigating Parenting Challenges:** Share how overcoming parenting challenges has deepened your partnership with God and how you've used these experiences to guide your children in faith. (Philippians 1:12-14)
- **Mentoring as Parents:** Discuss how you, as a parent, can be a mentor in faith to other families, demonstrating partnership in the Gospel. (Philippians 1:1)
- **Faith in Action at Home:** What are some practical ways your family can live out your faith at home and in your community, reflecting the principle of partnership? (Acts 1:8)

Optional Discussion Topics

- **Global and Local Gospel Partnership:** Reflect on how our church's global missions and local community actions exemplify partnership in the Gospel. Discuss ways we can enhance this. (Philippians 1:3-5)
- **Personal Stories of Faith Sharing:** Share stories of how you've acted as a mouthpiece for the Gospel in your everyday life. What challenges and successes have you encountered? (Philippians 1:7)
- **Growth Through Personal Discipleship:** Share experiences of growth through personal discipleship, highlighting the importance of every believer in God's work. (Philippians 1:1)
- **Faith Beyond Church Walls:** Brainstorm ideas for living out faith in daily activities and interactions, emphasizing the role of each member as a partner in the Gospel. (Acts 1:8)