



Connect to Mount Pisgah

Leader's Guide

Week 2

Topic: Mount Pisgah Roadmap – Mission, Vision, Values and approach to Discipleship

Focus for this class: Continue relationship building with and between group members as you discuss the mission, vision and values of Mount Pisgah and our commitment to discipleship.

PREWORK Summary: Read over this section and watch the videos before Week 2 class.

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Speaker: Pastor Steve Wood

When asked “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.’” Matthew 22:36-40

God’s greatest commandments are for us to love Him and love others. These commandments are the pinnacle of our roadmap and undergird everything we do as a church. Love God, love people.

Our Mission is the great commission, the last words Jesus spoke before ascending into heaven. “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, 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

How and where do we fulfill this commission? “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we take the Good News of the Gospel Here (Jerusalem), There (Judea and Samaria), and to the ends of the earth (Everywhere).

Proverbs 29:18 tells us, “Where there is no vision the people perish.” Mount Pisgah’s vision, “A Vital Church, Transforming Lives, Growing God’s Kingdom,” challenges us to be a growing and passionate church body that are His hands and feet for a broken world.

Our CORE VALUES define our identity. The things we hold sacred and indisputable. The heart and soul of Who We Are as a church body. Our DNA.

A People Focused on the Good News - We believe in the authenticity of the Bible, and that scripture is the highest source of authority for God's plan for His People.

A Place to Call Home - We are a unique family of believers embracing and loving people of all ages, races, backgrounds, marital status, and spiritual maturity, united by the redemption Jesus Christ has given us.

A Partner for Spiritual Growth - Mount Pisgah equips the called to spread the Good News of the Gospel to whomever, whenever, and wherever. Sundays are just the beginning.

A Platform that Launches Us to Serve - We engage the community at the point of their need and share Christ's love with them in practical ways.

Our Discipleship Approach

The engine that drives us is our focus on Discipleship. What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Personal Relationship with Christ - Developing a personal relationship that puts Christ at the center of your life.

Small Group Support & Accountability - Providing / receiving support and encouragement from others to further your Christian walk.

Serving Others - Understanding and using your unique spiritual gifts in order to glorify God.

A Life of Stewardship - Acknowledging and responding to the principle that God calls each of us to be faithful stewards of the time, talents, resources, and relationships that He provides.

Sharing the Gospel with Others - Sharing the Gospel, modeling a Christ-centered life, and expanding God's Kingdom by bringing others to Christ.

End Script *****

Tough questions prep, if asked:

The idea of every Christian as a disciple maker is often foreign to Christians. Some see it as a spiritual gift or something only missionaries do. Be prepared to make the case through Scripture.

Key Scriptures to review:

Matthew 22: 36-40

Matthew 28: 19-20

Class Timeline:

	Estimated time
1 Introductions	15 min
2 Teaching Video	Pastor Steve Wood; 5 min
3 Discussion Questions	30 min
4 Testimony Video	Beverly Johnson; 2 min
5 Takeaways	1 min
6 Prayer	1 min
7 Invitation for next week	1 min

1. Introduce the content and video for this class (in your own words):

Today we will dive into the tenants that shape everything we do at Mount Pisgah. Collectively called the Roadmap, they include the Mission, Vision, Values, and Discipleship approach of the church. Let's watch Senior Pastor Steve Wood as he walks through this roadmap, which is on page 3 of the class book.

2. Play the teaching video with Steve Wood (5 minutes)

3. Discussion questions (pages 10 and 12):

- 1. Mount Pisgah's Mission, Vision and Values are rooted in scripture. Let's discuss the graphic on page 11. Please share your thoughts.*
- 2. Have you heard the word discipleship before? What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?*
- 3. Our second core value is, "A place to call home." What does a "church home" feel like? What made you feel welcome here?*

4. Play the short personal testimony video. (2 minutes) Discuss, if time remains, by asking them what they believe the mission of the Church should be? Or what they value in a Church?

5. Closing / takeaways in your own words:

God has commanded us to love Him and others and to make disciples here, there, and everywhere. It's so simple, yet we sometimes feel we aren't Christian enough or doing it right. Realize it is a process and as we make effort to grow, we begin to do the same things Jesus did.

6. Prayer

Instead of including a lesson devoted to how to pray, class leaders will model how to pray each of the week of Connect to Mount Pisgah. Before you close in prayer, briefly explain P.R.A.Y. method of prayer (praise, repent, ask and yield) and lead participants through this format.

PRAISE	Matthew 6:9	"Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.'"
REPENT	Matthew 6:12	"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."
ASK	Matthew 6:11&13	"Give us this day our daily bread." "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]"
YIELD	Matthew 6:10	"Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven."

Then pray over them.

Example: *Father, we praise that you are powerful and good. You created this world and us all for YOUR purpose. Please forgive us when we look to other places for our significance or when we seek own glory. Please help us to seek and follow your purpose for our lives. We trust you and your ways.*

7. Invite them back next week to learn about all the places to serve and how to identify your spiritual gifts for serving.