



Sermon Discussion Guide

VERITAS CITY CHURCH

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Text: Revelation 19

Discussion Guide:

*The aim of our discussion this week is to evaluate our vision for ministry as Veritas City Church with the hope of grounding each of our members in a clear understanding of what God is calling us to as a church. Therefore, we are going to have an open-ended discussion about three core aspects of our ministry: **community, growth, mission**. The desired outcome is that our CG's are thinking critically about our vision as a church, evaluating how effective we have been, and giving voice to how the future of our church will be taking shape. The hope for this discussion is to give our groups the opportunity to see how we as individuals take part in who God is calling us to be as a church.*

- Community:
 - **Read Acts 2:42-45**. What are some of the observations you see about community here?
 - What aspects of this do you see being true at Veritas?
 - What aspects of this do you see missing at Veritas?
 - How might God be calling each of us as individuals and as a group to model this example of biblical community?
 - What we do to cultivate community better as a church?

- Growth:
 - **Read Ephesians 4:11-16**. What do you notice about how growth and maturity are presented in this passage?
 - **Look at the APEST**: Apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, teachers.
 - Who are people you can think of at Veritas that model these things well?
 - What ministries at Veritas give an opportunity for these leaders to thrive?
 - What are we strongest in and what are we weakest in?
 - Do you feel like multiple gifts are highlighted at Veritas?

- What gifts do you feel are overlooked? How is that affecting our church?
 - What gifts are demonstrated strongly? How is that helping our church?
 - Do you think you are aware of your own giftings and know how to contribute to the growth of your church?
 - Do you think believers are growing into maturity because of the ministry of Veritas?
 - What could be better?
What can you do to both personally pursue and invest in the spiritual growth of your community?
- Mission:
 - **Read Matthew 28:18-20.** Does this resemble Veritas?
 - If you were to guess the vision statement based on *what you see* and *what you have personally experienced* at Veritas, what would it be?
 - *** this is meant to show the *reality* of our practice and where it might or might not be in line with vision ***
 - What is it going to take for Veritas to be making disciples?
 - What is it going to take for you to be making disciples?
 - How can our church facilitate this better?
 - How can our group facilitate this better?
 - Are you personally making investments in disciple-making?