

## OUR KEY PURPOSES

### WEEK 1: SERVING GURNEE AND BEYOND WITH THE LOVE OF CHRIST

1) Did you memorize Philippians 4:13 (from the last week of the Real.Life.Journey series)? Have someone in your group recite it from memory. Was this difficult? What was different, in you, this past week because you committed this to memory (or at least tried to)?

2) Have you ever thought about the question, “What is PURPOSE of my life?” If you had to express your purpose in a few short statements, what would some of those statements sound like? (Don’t stress over covering everything).

3) What are some “good things” that you have observed other churches doing? In other words, what programs, ministries, styles, etc have you seen other churches doing that have had a positive impact on their members and the community? In each case, is this something ALL churches should be doing? Why or why not?

#### **Read Matthew 9:35-38**

4) What does this passage tell us about one of the purposes that all churches (congregations) have?

5) Read aloud together our first Key Purpose as a church:

#### ***Serving Gurnee and beyond with the love of Christ***

A key purpose of Gurnee Community Church  
is to search out, discover, and minister to  
physical, emotional and spiritual needs  
among people of all cultures and generations,  
first locally and then beyond,  
giving everyone the opportunity to encounter Christ and His Gospel,  
through our open doors, compassionate hands-on service,  
and the sacrificial use of our spiritual gifts and resources.

6) What are some examples of outreach-focused ministries or events you have observed or been involved with at GCC that fit this Key Purpose? What makes that ministry or event a good example of this Key Purpose? Are there ways that ministry could be improved to fit this Key Purpose even better?

7) Are there ministries you have observed or participated in that seemed to be out-of-sync with this Key Purpose? Why?

8) Where do you see yourself fitting into “Serving Gurnee and Beyond with the Love of Christ” through GCC?

9) Make a commitment to read through our first Key Purpose at least 5 times before the next time you meet as a group.

*(Spend some time in prayer for one another)*