



**Metaphor, Part 4**  
**“Push the Plow”**  
**February 1-2, 2020**

**Opening Questions** (what is God doing in your life?)

- How are you seeing God at work in you and around you? (Good focus for prayers of praise and thanksgiving)
- What is a challenge you're facing? How can our group help? (Guides your group members into caring community)
- What Bible verse or passage has the Lord been using to speak to you this past week? (Points group members to regular devotional time)
- How might the Lord be using your circumstances and relationships to grow your faith? (Invites the Lord to use our entire lives for His purposes)

**Discovery Questions** (hear *and* put into practice, Matthew 7:24)

- Describe a time in a group you belonged to that was challenging for you?
- Ready [Luke 9:57-62](#). Pastor David talked about the importance of being willing to “work the fields.” This can often be messy and difficult. What is the hardest thing for you when it comes to dealing with people who are struggling and in a mess? Are you more likely to try to engage those people or do you find ways to avoid them?
- There were three people who Jesus described and each had different issues that kept them from following Jesus. What was each person's issue? How did Pastor David explain their issue?
- You could describe the three people's issues as feeling out of place, bad timing, or relationship problems. Of these three, which has gotten in the way of your ability to follow Jesus?
- “Pushing the Plow” requires us to get uncomfortable sometimes, and we can often lose focus on what we are doing for the Kingdom and look back to our own desires. Describe a time where you have had to “deny yourself” (see Luke 9:23) and get uncomfortable in order to follow Jesus.
- Pastor David described four fields we should be working in (see Acts 1:8), CrossCity campus (Jerusalem), our Fresno-Clovis neighborhood (Judea), the inner-city & under resourced (Samaria), and other countries around the world (Ends of the Earth). How can you and your group “push the plow” and do some new work in one of these fields?
- Respond to the Lord in prayer (praise, thanksgiving, confession, commitment)
- **For next week:** Prepare to share (voluntarily) what the Lord is saying to you through Bible reading and circumstances. We want to support each other in our unique yet common journeys with the Lord!