



OUTREACH EMPHASIS

Greater Things | John 14:12 | April 27, 2008

1. What is it about “transforming our region” that excites you? What is it about “transforming our region” that scares you?
2. Read John 14:12. What does “greater” mean?
Leader Hints:
Remember that “greater” is not greater in quality, better, or more sensational but greater in quantity, numerous, more widely dispersed.
3. In order for us to do “greater things,” what must happen?
Leader Hints:
 - *Belief.*
 - *Jesus must go to the Father.*
4. What kind of belief is necessary?
Leader Hints:
We must believe that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (v. 6) and that he is the revelation of God (vv. 9-11). Belief is not just believing about Jesus—the truth about him—but believing in him—trusting in Jesus. See if the people in your small group can put this in their own words—what it means to believe about and in Jesus.
5. The Holy Spirit is critical to us doing “greater things.” Jesus promised that when he left to go to his Father, he would send the Spirit; and when the Spirit showed up (see the Book of Acts), the “greater things” that Jesus is talking about started to happen. How does OBC’s vision of “transforming our region” fit into this?
6. Take some time to think of needs in your community that need to be met.
Leader Hints:
Ask the members of your small group to brainstorm some of the needs that they see all the time.
7. Ask each other this question: “Do you believe that the mission that Jesus started on this earth and left us to do includes both declaring the good news of Jesus and demonstrating the love of Jesus by meeting the life needs of those less fortunate?” What are the implications of this?
8. Pray for each other and ask God for things that are “in his name.”
Leader Hints:
 - *Consistent with his character.*
 - *Under his authority.*
 - *Things that seek God’s glory.*