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When Jesus... saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. (Mark 6:34, NIV)

The life and example of Jesus teaches us that we are to have compassion for the world around us. Many live without hope and without knowing God’s love. Others live knowing about God—perhaps even about Jesus—but are unsure of how to connect with Him.

Good News’s mission is to see thousands of men, women, and children across northwest Iowa and southwest Minnesota become radical, reproducing, apprentices of Jesus Christ. We believe we are called to do this by CONNECTING people with God; SHARING Jesus’ Good News of a new kind of kingdom; and GROWING up as Jesus’ body and the Holy Spirit’s temple to lost and needy world.

Over the next months and years we will follow God’s leading in accomplishing that mission in many ways. Good News’s leadership has been praying for, searching for, and discerning God’s will in the next steps for us. We believe that one way we can achieve God’s mission for us is by Good News beginning a new service.

As a growing church, it would be easy for us to want to reach the same kinds of people in the same kinds of way that we have been reaching them. However, we believe that God is asking us difficult questions. Who aren’t we reaching? And why not? Are there new ways to share the message of the Good News to new people, without requiring them to conform to the ways that we’ve always done things?

During the following weeks and months, the leadership and staff will begin doing the brainstorming, research, and—most importantly—prayer necessary to discover what a new service for Good News will look like. Your task is the same as our task—to seek God’s will and to desire to put it to action in our lives as individuals and as a church community. Pray for us. Pray that we will seek not to please people, but God. Pray that we will be sensitive to the communities and towns around us, have compassion on them, and therefore be able to fulfill Jesus’ commission to us, to GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES.