**Discernment Team Notes** Session 1 – February 22, 2018

We asked, "What are each of us bringing to the table as we listen and discern next steps for our church?"

- Listen, time to listen, be open
- We want the church to be a place where people come and want to be here. Sense God's presence.
- Who are we? Identity?
- Create environment people want to be a part of
- Be a blessing to the community
- Understand our proximity to Seattle
- Seattle is changing
- Tear down and rebuild with a foundation on God
- How to do Evangelism to a culture that sees religion as irrelevant
- We are in a new season, new way of being. Listening
- Be patient to God's timing
- Be salt and light – get out there!
- What do Seattleites need? Community?
- Normalize being the church
- Recognize micro-neighborhoods

We asked, "What do we already know from the Bible about the mission of the church?"

- Acts 1:8 – be witnesses
- Matthew 28:19 – Make Disciples
- Matthew 22:37-40 – Love God and Your Neighbor
- Genesis 12:2 – be a blessing
- Matthew 5:13-16 – Be salt and light
- 2 Corinthians 5:18 – Ministry of Reconciliation
- Meeting physical and spiritual needs (Matthew 25:35)
- John 15 – Abide
- John 13 – Love each other
- John 17 - Unity
- Esther 4:14 – Crisis may have a purpose
- Psalm 46:10 – Be still
- Matthew 16:18 – Jesus will build the church
- Philippians 2:13 – God works through us
- James 1:27 – Heal and look after widows, orphans, (Stranger), etc.
- Speak truth to Pharisees (Jesus)

We prayed over the neighborhoods surrounding the church.