# Focus – Week 1

# Small Group Discussion Guide

**Opening Discussion:** On a scale of 1-10, how chaotic is your life right now? 1 being not chaotic at all, and 10 being things are a little out of control. And Why?

What is one of your more chaotic times in life?

**Ordering Chaos**

**Read Genesis chapter 1**

What are you initial observations of the text?

Here, God creates and then orders what is created. Think about a time you did something new. How did you live into a similar process? Are you better at creating or ordering?

Have you ever avoided doing something new because you knew it would require a lot of work? Have you ever avoided doing something because of the chaos it would produce in your life? Can you think of an example?

**New location**

As we move to a new location, what are you thoughts? Are you excited? Nervous? Eager? Worried?

If you were to help our church do something new, different, or make a “minor adjustment” that would help us better accomplish God’s mission here, what would it be? *(leaders, I’d be very interested in hearing some of the themes! - Joe)*

**Prescriptions**

Joe talked about six prescriptions for this Focus series—six things that when we embody them, when we put them on, we will see God’s will for ourselves and our church more clearly. Here they are:

* **Transparency**: We should embrace vulnerability and honesty.
* **Compassion**: We should love people who are marginalized and hurting.
* **Excellence**: When we serve, we should do everything as unto the Lord—with all that we have.
* **Sacrifice**: God calls us to be generous.
* **Evangelism**: We are called to help new people enter into a relationship with God and each other, overcoming the barriers that separate.
* **Diversity**: We should be diverse, in thought, politics, theology, and race.

**Discuss**:

What’s your initial reaction to this list?

Of the six, which do you resonate with the most?

Of the six, which seems the most vague or confusing?

Do any of these excite you? Would you add any to the list?

Any other thoughts from the scripture, the move, or the prescriptions?

End in prayer.