

Leader Guide

What Could Be Written About You?

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THE GOAL

Over the last couple weeks of this series, we have been talking about the different things that God wants to do in and around us and even through us. But this week we're going to take a different path, and we will be talking about the overall mission of God. This week's goal is to help our group understand that the mission of the Church is not a side quest; it is our identity. Jesus saved us to go and make disciples. Through the Great Commission and Jesus' compassion for the crowds, we see that we are here to help people find and follow Jesus. It is central to who we are. We were made on purpose for a purpose.

MY STORY

- 1) If you had to recruit three people for your "dream team" to accomplish a personal mission, who would you choose and why?
- 2) What's the most awkward conversation you've ever had that actually turned out better than expected?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME

Matthew 9:35–38 (NLT)

³⁵Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.

³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few.

³⁸So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

4) What moved Jesus towards action?

Jesus was moved to compassion because he saw that people were lost and helpless like sheep without a shepherd. People are in need of guidance and direction.

5) What does “harvest” suggest about the world around us?

It’s just a readiness of people around us. There are people everywhere in search of God and hope. It is ripe and ready for harvest.

6) Why does Jesus command us to pray first?

Because the mission depends upon God. The Lord of the harvest is the one who’s going to send us in the correct fields to harvest. Prayer and seeking his Will always comes first before doing the work. If it doesn’t, we’re missing the point.

Matthew 28:16–20 (NLT)

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!

¹⁸Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

²⁰Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

7) Why does Jesus anchor the mission in His authority?

The only way for someone to give a mission to someone else is if they have the authority to do so. In the case of Jesus, He has all authority and so His authority is the reason why we have the mission in the first place. There’s no separating the mission from God’s authority.

8) What does it practically mean to make disciples? Define what it means to be a disciple first.

The word “disciple” in its simplest form means to be a learner or a follower of someone else. If I’m a disciple (or “learner”) of Jesus, this means I take the time to study, to read, to pray, to follow Him, and to learn from Him. To make disciples means that as a disciple, I am trying to ultimately duplicate myself in someone else (but we aren’t referring to personality here). I’m not just a disciple, but a disciple who makes disciples. I am teaching them the process: What I do to follow Jesus is what I teach others to do. I talk about prayer and how I pray. I talk about the Word of God and how I read the Bible. The goal is duplication. I am teaching them the process.

9) How does His promised presence strengthen our courage?

He promises that He will be with us and that His presence goes with us wherever we go in this journey. The mission comes with the presence of God. This is a powerful promise.

- 10) How would leaning into God's mission for the world help you find a greater sense of purpose and identity? Are there things in your life that you need to change to make that possible?

If my identity lies in who God says I am, then I need to do what God asks of me. What I'm supposed to do follows logically after knowing my identity. If I'm His, then His mission is mine as well. To help people find and follow Jesus gives me a greater sense of what I'm supposed to do. The rest of the question is personal. What does your group say?

- 11) This past Sunday, Pastor Craig presented what we're going to be doing for the next two years through our campaign. We will be making room for others. How does this fall and fit in the Mission that we've been talking about today and how can you participate?

The field is ripe for harvest, and one of the ways people come to Jesus is through experiencing God in church. When I partner with the church with my giving, I am taking part in the mission of God. My partnership with Him is also done through the work of the church because of my financial contributions. The church doesn't function or exist without our giving.

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Reflection Questions for Chair Time: Think about the following questions and pray through them with Jesus.

- 1) Ask God to give you compassion for people who are spiritually lost. How can you join Him on Mission for those people?
- 2) Take the challenge of the prayer card that was given out on Sunday. Pray for those people.
- 3) What is God asking you to do personally when it comes to the Make Room campaign here at Heights Church?