

Small Group Study

Our Vision

To know God and enjoy Him forever.

Our Mission

To build a Christian community by making fully devoted disciples of non-religious and nominally religious people

Discussion

Building Kingdom People: Reaching People

Scripture

Have a volunteer read the following scripture:
Matthew 28:18-20

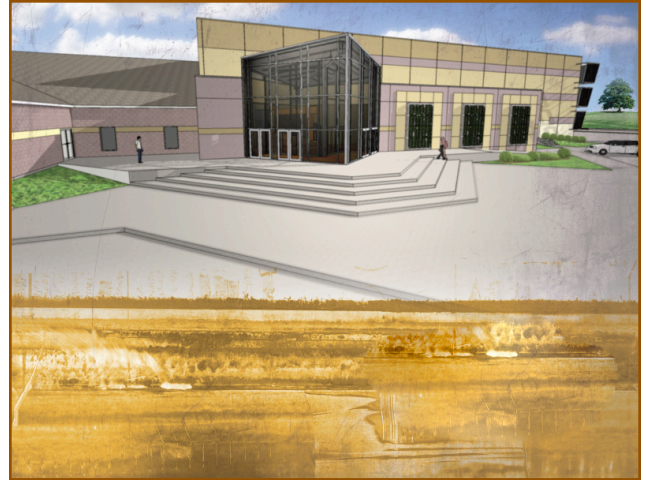
Introduction

People will talk about all kinds of things with each other these days: news, politics, sports, entertainment, even religion. But there is one subject that most people consider taboo, and it's Jesus. Many Christians are deeply committed to their faith and have experienced great joy in following Christ, but are hesitant to share their faith with others, because they feel that religion is 'personal' or 'private.' While the Christian faith is personal, it was never meant to be private. In fact, God's heart is for us to share with others the good news of Christ's message of grace. Christ came into the world to 'seek and save the lost' and he has ordained that we should bring this good news to those who do not believe through our preaching and witnessing. God's invitation for us to take part in his heart for the world is called the Great Commission. God's heart for the world is that his message of grace would be proclaimed to all people. He invites us to take part in this mission as an obedient response to his commands, as a reflection of our compassion for the lost and as an example of our passion for God's glory. Understanding God's heart for the world and our call to take part in the Great Commission will lead us to actively share our faith with those in our spheres of influence.

Questions

Please feel free to adjust this study to fit your group's needs and to listen to the direction of the Holy Spirit. It is not necessary to use all of the questions.

I. What comes to mind when you think about evangelism or sharing your faith? Has your experience been positive or negative?



Ice Breaker

Use ONE of the questions to help people open up and to focus your meeting. It is very helpful to go around in a circle with the leader going first. (Remember if you have new members or guests you should take time to introduce everyone.)

- 1.** What's the best news anyone ever gave you?
- 2.** What are 2 or 3 accomplishments in your life that you are proud of?
- 3.** Tell us of a time when someone went out of their way to be kind or nice to you. How did it make you feel?

2. Look over the scripture we just read again. These are Jesus' last recorded words to us in this book. Why does this make them so important? What is God's heart for the world?
3. How do you feel about this command? Do you think the disciples would have shared the same feelings?
4. Read Romans 10:1, 12-15. What is the connection between God's heart for the world and our responsibility?
5. Do you share Paul's feelings in Romans 10:1 for anyone? Who?
6. From this passage, what is the most caring thing you could do for them?
7. Read Acts 1:8. What is the scope of our charge to witness?
8. What parallels do you see between these 4 geographic regions and your own life? Whom are we called to reach?

God bless,

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