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2 Corinthians 5:14-15

#NPMissions

Week 1
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Bottom Line: God is at work in the world, and He wants you to join Him. This assignment is called your mission, and it is different from your ministry.

Icebreaker: What do you do for a living? What is your mission at work? What is your mission as a follower of Jesus Christ?

Key Verse: *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* John 3:16

John 3:16 is one of the most beloved and well-known passages in all of Scripture. If you have grown up in church, it is likely you have John 3:16 memorized. But sometimes we miss the verse's meaning. We hear this verse, think to ourselves, "Oh, I've heard that one before," tune out, and move on. God loves us and sent Jesus to save us. Do you realize the beautiful and astounding truth in this verse?

God loves *the world*, not just part of it. He doesn't love a select group of people, but the whole world – a world filled with sinful and evil people who have turned against Him. He loves *that* world. Our sinfulness did not stop the mission of God; instead, it cost Him His Son. The word translated "only" means "unique." It means there is no one like Jesus. He stands alone in perfect sinless perfection. God sent Him to die for your sins.

Because Jesus is perfect, He is able to stand in your place and bear the judgment for sin that you deserve. Our God is a sending God. He is invested in the extension of His glory, and He wants to see His glory known through the salvation of men and women putting their faith in Jesus Christ.

Because of Jesus, all people who turn to Him can be reconciled to God and brought into a saving relationship with Him. Our mission as Christians is to tell people the story you just read. No exceptions will be given to this call. It should be the joy of our hearts to tell others about the life that can be found in Jesus Christ.

THINK IT OVER >>>

Thinking back on Dwight's message, what stood out to you?

Dwight said my mission is . . . a great privilege, the greatest gift to give, significant, and gives my life purpose.

John wrote that God *sent* His only Son into the world. How does this compel us to live, sent as disciples of Jesus, in the world?

Why should love of God and love of others make us want to serve unbelievers? What does it say about our love for God and for other people if we do not engage the mission of God?

What is your ministry and what is your mission? How do we often get those two things confused?

LOOK IT OVER <<<

How have you personally experienced the love and grace of God through Jesus Christ?

With whom can you share your story? Why are our stories sometimes more effective when sharing the gospel?

If the gospel is true (and it is) and God loves us (and He does), why should we not sit on that truth?

What excuses do we make to avoid being involved in the mission of God?

Has anyone ever been on a mission trip to another country? How did that short experience change the way you live back home?

NEXT STEPS

This week, consider taking some next steps together, as a group:

1. Pray that you would have a clear understanding of the mission of God. Ask that God would use your group to reach unbelievers with the gospel of His grace. Thank God for loving you enough to save you and involving you in His purpose to reach the nations.
2. Review the partners we are involved with as a church: IMPACT Middle East, Compassion, Leader's Edge, or others. With which, if any, is God calling you to be involved? If not these, God is calling you to be involved somewhere. Talk about local opportunities that you could be involved with together as a group.

EVALUATION/ACTION **Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ**

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Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at newpointe.org/daily:

Day 1: 1 Timothy 2:3-4

Day 2: 1 Timothy 2:5-6

Day 3: 1 Timothy 2:7

Day 4: Matthew 28:18

Day 5: Matthew 28:19-20

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.

(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)