



Co-Mission

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Icebreaker: Go around the group and answer these questions: What is the farthest you have been from home? Why were you there? If you could pick anywhere to live outside the U.S., where would you choose?

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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.* John 3:16-17

God is on mission to bring eternal life to all mankind. Ever since mankind broke the relationship with God and lost His gift of eternal life, God has been focused on getting us back. Like a parent who relentlessly pursues a child who has gone wrong, declaring, "I did not bring my child into the world to lose him," God is determined to save mankind, one at a time. He has invited you and me to join Him on mission.

God is calling you to go on mission, but that's only half the story. The work He's doing in your life right now is preparing you for the ministry He has for you. Think about Moses. God was preparing him to be a deliverer even in the most disappointing experiences of his life. Being taken from his own home and being raised in Pharaoh's palace was difficult, but it gave him an inside track to be a deliverer. He learned practical things he couldn't have gotten otherwise, like military secrets, how to read and write, leadership skills, and more. He developed confidence. His mother was his nursemaid and taught him to lean on God. He saw up close the difference the God his parents served made. He spent his entire life working with God on mission and ended up loving the people he was connecting with God so much that he told God if they couldn't be saved, to blot his name out of the book of life too.

God calls you and works in your life for a purpose. Once He places His heart within you, His love will naturally flow through you to others.

THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most from today's message?

What would it mean for you to see the world through the eyes of Jesus? What does compassion look like to you?

"The bystander effect is when you see something that is wrong in front of you, but you don't do anything about it. Most of us see no problem with being a concerned bystander." Discuss. What keeps a good person simply in the role of a concerned bystander instead of an active difference maker?

"If you are a Christ-follower, you are called to do something (to win the world). If you do not, you are sinning." That's a tough statement. Agree or disagree? Why?

God is giving us a co-mission, working WITH Him.

LOOK IT OVER <<<

Romans 2:4 says that it is the kindness of God that leads people to repentance. One of the most significant things we can ever do is be a conduit for God's kindness that draws people to Him. How might you do that locally? Around the world?

Where do you see God has worked/is currently working in you to equip and prepare you to be on mission with Him in the world?

I get on mission with God by 1) accepting personal responsibility; 2) intentionally developing relationships; seizing the opportunities. Where are you in this process?

Jesus really saw the people around Him, looking past their public persona to see their reality. What does the world around you look like when you really look? What needs do you see that you could address instead of looking past?

NEXT STEPS

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

- 1) Decide to go on a mission trip. Talk to someone who has.
- 2) Give financially so someone else can go.

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:

Monday: Matthew 9:36-38

Tuesday: Matthew 28:18-20

Wednesday: 2 Corinthians 5:10

Thursday: Matthew 25:35-45

Friday: 2 Corinthians 15:58

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)