

WEEK SIX

# MISSION

*Therefore go and make disciples  
of all nations..  
-Matthew 28:19*

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You have just made the greatest decision a person can ever make. This week you will study how God plans to use you to bring others to the new life you have found in Jesus Christ

## Day 36-Crucial Last Words \_\_\_\_\_

1. The last words a person speaks usually tell us a lot about the major things on that person's heart. Turn to Matthew 28:18-20 and read again the final commission of Jesus Christ before he left this world.
2. What does it mean that Jesus has all authority over you? How do you feel about that? Where is he telling you that he wants you to "go"? What does he want you to do with the life he has given you? Who in your life heard Jesus say "go" and went to you? How do you feel about them because of it?
3. Jesus is sending you into your world to bring others to him. Write down the names of some of the people in your world right now that you want to be "going" to with his good news. Pray every day this week for them to be open to the gospel.

## Day 37-Talking Babies \_\_\_\_\_

1. Begin by reading 1 Peter 2:2-3. Who are some of the people receiving this letter? In what way are you a "newborn baby"?
2. Now read 3:13-17 (especially looking at vv. 15 and 16). Does it seem that Peter thought the newborn babies should wait a while before sharing their faith? As a "newborn" what do you have to share with others?

3. Write down what you think is involved in each of these statements and why each is so important in making disciples.
  - a.) "In your hearts acknowledge Christ as the Holy Lord."
  - b.) "Always be prepared to give an answer:'
  - c.) "With gentleness and respect:'
  - d.) "Keeping a clear conscience:'
4. Decide which friends on your prayer list that you will talk to about God and when you will do it. Pray for them specifically.

### **Day 38-The Committed** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Begin today by reading the following passages from the Book of Acts:
  - a.) Acts 4:16-20
  - b.) Acts 5:40-42
  - c.) Acts 8:1-4
2. Write down what you see in these early Christians that impresses and convicts you.
3. Why do you suppose they were so committed to sharing the gospel with other people?
4. Opposition will always come to those who work to make disciples. You see it here in Acts. Read also Jesus warnings in Matthew 10:21-25. Why would you expect negative reactions from some people as you share the message of Jesus? How will you respond?
5. Write down at least three different places where you will go today, and then pray about taking God's message into those places.

### **Day 39 – Sharing Your Life** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9 as Paul talks about the relationship he had with some that he had led to Christ.

2. What do we need to learn from Paul's example about how to reach out to other people?
3. What would be involved in "sharing not only the gospel with someone, but our lives as well"?
4. Someone once said: "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care:' How can you show some of the non-Christians around you that you really care for them?
5. Read Matthew 25:31-36. How are other Christians around you seeking to fulfill this passage in their lives? Who can you talk with this week about this passage and how to live it out in your life?
6. Decide which friend you most want to reach out to and ask another disciple to help you develop a plan.

### **Day 40-The Love of Christ Compels** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21.
2. Write down at least five things this passage teaches about evangelism (sharing your faith).
3. Go back to 2 Corinthians 4:7-12. What we need to learn from Paul's experiences in sharing the Word with people?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 4:1 and commit it to memory.
5. Why could there be no greater purpose in life than bringing others to Christ?
6. What great feelings do you have when you share your faith? What does it do for your convictions?

### **Day 41-Pray, then Proclaim** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Begin today by reading Colossians 4:2-6.
2. List all the things you find here in regard to sharing your faith with **someone**.
3. What do you think Paul meant when he said we should be "making

the most of every opportunity"?

4. List some opportunities you could have used recently if you had been more alert and ready to speak.
5. Have you heard the term "lifestyle evangelism"? It refers to the fact that we should not reserve one night of the week for evangelism or even two or three, but that we should be living lives that are always evangelistic. What are some things that we need to be saying to ourselves at the beginning of every day in order to live an evangelistic lifestyle?
6. How will your lifestyle be evangelistic today?

### **Day 42 - We Plant; God Makes It Grow**

1. Read carefully Jesus' words in Mark 4:26-29.
2. Now turn and read Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 3:5-9.
3. What is our role in making disciples?
4. What is God's role?
5. Why can we never be prideful about the fact that we have been used to lead someone else to Christ?
6. If God is really the one who brings change to people's hearts and lives, why would he want us to share in the work?
7. Look back over the people and opportunities you have written about this week. Pray about these and commit yourself to be used for the rest of your life to bring other people to Jesus Christ. If reaching out is a big difficulty for you, admit that to someone and let them help you to overcome it. But believe that it can happen in your life! Look forward to being used in a great way.
8. Decide who you will reach out to next week and how.

### **KEYS TO MAKING DISCIPLES**

1. *Pray.* Do not depend on your own resources. Depend on God. Jesus knew that he could do nothing on his own and we must understand the same thing (John 5:19).
2. *Make the most of every opportunity.* Whether you are out shopping, going to a game, eating in a restaurant, attending a neighborhood function, look for ways to build relationships and share your life (Colossians 4:2-6).
3. *Show hospitality.* Have people into your home, share a meal with them, serve them, show them that you are interested in their lives (Hebrews 13:2). Like Jesus, be a "friend of sinners" (Matthew 11:19).
4. *Study.* Devote yourself to learning the Scriptures so you can handle them correctly and help other people to see God's will for their lives (2 Timothy 2:15). Seriously commit yourselves to those training programs offered in your congregation. Get prepared to make disciples.
5. *Live with joy* (Philippians 4:4). As a child of God you are richly blessed. Enjoy your life. Enjoy your relationship with God. Let it show. People are attracted to those who have joy.