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UPSTATE GROUP LEADER GUIDE

WEEK 4 - *MATTHEW 28:18-20*

LEADER NOTES

Be sure to sign up for the mandatory group leader training in January by clicking this [link](#).

We are approaching the end of our series introducing the next two-year initiative. However, this is just the beginning of what God is going to do over the next two years as we seek to grow deeper: deeper in our connection to Christ, deeper in our commitment to Christ, deeper in our Christian community, and finally, deeper in our individual commission to the world as Christ' disciples. The ultimate proof that we've started to grow deeper with Jesus is that you want to take Jesus to the world around you.

It is imperative that you know, as a church, we intend to make groups the primary vehicle of the mission and evangelism going forward. We expect our Groups, both members and leaders, to collectively and individually carry the gospel into the world around them!



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COMMUNITY

OPEN THE GROUP BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER AND ALLOWING A MOMENT FOR EVERYONE TO HAVE A PLACE TO BELONG.

START THE GROUP BY TAKING PRAYER REQUESTS, FINDING OUT ABOUT PEOPLE'S WEEK, AND PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER.

OPENING QUESTIONS:

- *WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOU PERSONALLY SHARED THE GOSPEL WITH SOMEONE?*
- *DO YOU BELIEVE THAT SHARING THE GOSPEL IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY PERSON OR JUST SOME?*

SCRIPTURE

TAKE THIS TIME TO STUDY THE BIBLE TOGETHER. REMEMBER, THE GOAL IS NOT JUST TO CONVEY INFORMATION, BUT TO HELP PEOPLE IN YOUR GROUP LEARN TO READ THE BIBLE FOR THEMSELVES.

THE POINT

CHRISTIANS LIVING ON MISSION IS A NATURAL OCCURRENCE FOR THOSE WHO ARE CONNECTED AND COMMITTED TO CHRIST.

Matthew 28:18-20

"18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Mt 28:18-20.

STUDY NOTES

This week we close out our deeper series with an appeal to our entire church. We are pleading, members of FBS/UC, please join the mission of Christ. For far too long the mission of Christ has been viewed as an aspect of Christianity that is reserved for an elite few. The lie has settled over the American church that the mission is the job of the church staff and maybe the deacons, but it's not for normal Christians. Nothing could be farther from the truth. When Christ delivered the Great Commission to the apostles he was delivering a mission to normal people, people like us. People like us took up this mission and the gospel went to the nations. Now, the only way the gospel will continue to go forward is if people like us take up the mission and go to our neighborhoods, our workplaces, our schools, the Upstate, and the world with the good news of Jesus.

Join us on this mission! Invite your group to join you on this mission!

Let's get to work!

For more resources on this passage click the resources link [HERE.](#)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- *What does it mean that Christ now has all authority in heaven and on earth? How has He proven this reality? What does it mean for my everyday life that He has all authority?*
- *Have you ever considered that Christ has promised to be with you always? How would your everyday life change if you considered that in every moment Christ is with you?*
- *The mission is to "go, baptize, and teach." What does that look like for us in our daily lives?*
- *How can you intentionally start pursuing the Great Commission right now?*
- *How can we use the group to hold one another accountable for living on mission?*

COMMISSION

AS YOU WRAP UP YOUR GROUP, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT EVERYONE KNOWS WE GO INTO THE WORLD ON MISSION FOR JESUS. USE THIS TIME TO FOCUS EVERYONE TO LIVE ON MISSION AS YOU LEAVE.

- HOW CAN WE DO THINGS AS A GROUP TO PURSUE THE GREAT COMMISSION? WHEN CAN WE START?
- WHO IN YOUR LIFE NEEDS TO KNOW JESUS?



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