

GREAT COMMISSION



Leader's Guide

Overview

Do you know what your mission in life is? It matters. The Bible says, "Without a vision the people perish" (Proverbs 21:16 NAS). How can you and I make a difference in this life? By knowing what you have been put on earth to do and by having a vision-driven life mission. In Matthew chapter 28, Jesus gives us such a mission: To bring others into God's family; to be a part of what is generally known as "The Great Commission." In this session we will learn the practical aspects of living out the mission God has given to us.

Suggested Format (90 minute meeting)

- 15 minutes – Greet & Treat. Welcome people.
- 30 minutes – Intro & Video. Introduce the topic, hand out blanks and show the video.
- 35 minutes – Discussion. Lead the group through an honest discussion using questions below.
- 10 minutes – Prayer. Ask for prayer requests, and have several people pray.

Specific Session Tips

- You might consider having gospel tracts or "Do You Know For Certain" tracts available to help people apply this message. (See *Bonus Materials* for a PDF version of this tract)
- You might consider having people write down their "Top Ten" list of people they are praying for – and that they would love an opportunity to share the good news about Jesus with.
- We are ALL on mission – God has commanded us to share our faith. This session will help people understand why.

Weekly reminders

- Pray! Before your meeting, pray for each person by name and ask God to speak to their hearts!
- At the end of the meeting, remind people of who is on for treats the next week and what your topic will be.
- Pray at the end. Make sure to end ON TIME (You can always tell people they can stay – but give those who need to leave the option as soon as the class time expires).

Possible Discussion Questions

1. Ice Breaker: "If you could ask God one question, what would it be?"
2. If you were on an airplane that was doomed to crash – and the pilot said we have 5 minutes to live, What message might you tell your unsaved family and friends that are flying with you?
 - a. Why is it so hard to share this good news in ordinary circumstances? What prohibits you?
3. Have a few people briefly tell their salvation story – about how they became a Christian. Ask: "How important is it that someone shared with YOU the good news. How can this realization motivate us to do the same?"
4. What are the top three reasons you personally have a difficult time telling people about Jesus. Are your fears rational? If not, what can you do to overcome your fears.
5. Who can you share the good news with THIS WEEK? (Write your 'Top Ten' list).

Applications & Assignments (For next week)

1. After you write your 'Top Ten' list, pray for opportunities this week to share something about Jesus with them.
2. Double up and pray for your list with one or two other people in your group.