



Sermon Discussion Guide

Missions Month Kickoff - Christian Lindbeck

May 8, 2022

Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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Hook - Getting to know one another

- How is everyone doing this week? This could also be an icebreaker question related to the topic for discussion
- What feelings come to mind when you think about “being on mission”?

Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture, and discuss a few questions to understand **what the text is saying**.
- **Read: Matthew 28:16-20 and 2 Corinthians 5:14-6:2**
- In the Corinthians passage, what is Paul’s tone?
- In the Corinthians passage, what does Paul say motivates/compels us? (Vs. 14-15)
- What does it mean when Paul says “we are Christ’s ambassadors”?

Look - Connections to our world today

- This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what’s wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.
- Why do you think God asks US to go on missions? (Why not do it himself?)
- Put yourself in the disciples shoes. What might it have felt like to receive the great commission from Jesus right before he ascended?
- In the Corinthians passage, what is the connection between Christ’s reconciliation of us and our call to be Christ’s ambassadors?

Took - Personal Application



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- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.
- On Sunday Christian talked about the list of things that are reasons for our lives, things we are on a mission for. What's on your list of reasons for life? What are you on mission for?
- What is something you want Jesus' help learning about and growing in during mission's month?
- There are different ways of being called
- to missions, there are those that go and those that hold the rope (praying and giving to those that go). Spend time praying that your group would be open to God's call to go or give this month.
- If there are any past or current missionaries in your group, have them share their experience of being called or what it has meant to them to have people holding the rope.

Time of Prayer