



SESSION 1 - THE MISSION

SERIES BIG IDEA

We have been entrusted with the mission of helping people find their way back to God.

MESSAGE BIG IDEA

To carry out our mission, we have to understand the mission.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:26-28, Genesis 3:1-24, 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 NIRV

ICE BREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT

These questions go with the themes from the weekend message. If you don't want everyone taking their phones out during the group, ask everyone to talk about a time they misunderstood, or someone misunderstood their abbreviation in a text. Use the opening thought question to get a "pulse" on your group's understanding of the church's mission. Some people may get hung up on "back to God." Go over the scriptures in Genesis to show God created us in his image - sin came into the world and separated us from God - Now we all need to find our way back. Emphasize how we are all on this journey, and even those of us who have found our way back still find ourselves off course from time to time. We all need help, and we should all help one another.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

The word reconcile means to compose or settle (a quarrel, dispute, etc.) or to bring into agreement or harmony; make compatible or consistent: to reconcile differing statements; to reconcile accounts. Jesus' death on the cross reconciled our account with God if we choose to follow him. As ambassadors, we are messengers of Jesus, and our lives are a reflection of Jesus. Get your group to think about how that might look in our world. Who needs to see this reflection and how?

LIFE APPLICATION

Some of the interests we chase aren't bad things in and of themselves, but we must realize the only thing that will fill that longing is following Jesus. Help your group to see they are sent out as ambassadors to the world in their everyday walking around lives. God doesn't call everyone to plant a church or go to the ends of the earth for the Gospel, but everyone can be used by God in everyday, ordinary ways.

CHALLENGE

We are God's ambassadors. One way we can carry out this mission is to invite people to church. Some people find it difficult to ask people to church; some people just have a hard time knowing who to ask. The challenge is meant to work through some of the difficulties, share some successes and most of all pray for those who will be coming on Show Up Sunday.