

WHO WILL GO?

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Lesson Aim: To grow in awareness of how to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ice-breaker: Where was the best vacation that you ever went on?

Open in prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time together.

- 1. **Read 1 Corinthians 9:15-18.** Here we see that Paul was willing to sacrifice his riches and everything to share the Gospel. What is something that you have had to sacrifice during your growth as a follower of Jesus Christ? What is something, if anything, that is preventing you from reaching out to others with the Gospel?
- 2. **Read Luke 16:13-15.** Jesus is very clear that you cannot serve two masters, especially God and money. Why is it so hard to serve God and be in pursuit of money? When, if ever, has there been a time in your life where you were out of balance regarding money and serving God? How did you correct the issue? If you have not, what is holding you back from putting God first?
- 3. In **1 Corinthians 9:19** we read that Paul was free and belonged to no one, but had made himself a slave to everyone to win as many as possible. What does it mean to be a "slave" to someone? How can you become a slave to others to win them to Christ?
- 4. Read **1 Corinthians 9:20-22**. Paul has become all things to all people. How can we imitate Paul and become like those around us? What must we be careful of regarding sin in doing this?
- 5. Read **2 Corinthians** 5:14-15. Christ's love should compel us to reach out to the lost and be an example. Who is a person that the Holy Spirit has been compelling you to reach out to? What, if anything, is holding you back and how can you break through this barrier?

- 6. A big part of living on mission is to just be an example to others in our daily life. What are some things that you can do to be a positive example to those around you at work, your neighborhood, your community, etc.?
- 7. Part of being able to reach out to others involves maturing as a follower of Jesus Christ in your love for others and also understanding Christ's love for us. Read Ephesians 3:17-19. How can you use this knowledge of love and power in your own daily life and ministry?
- 8. Read **2 Corinthians 5:20**. What does it mean to be reconciled to God? How does recognizing that you are an ambassador of Christ change the way you that behave or the activities that you participate in? If God is making his appeal to others through us, who do you need to share this information with?

Daily Devotional Plan – Promises from the Bible about reaching your world with the Gospel.

Day 1 – Acts 1:8

Day 2 – Galatians 6:9

Day 3 – Psalm 96:3

Day 4 – Matthew 28:18-20

Day 5 -Romans 1:16

Day 6 – Matthew 5:11

Day 7 – Matthew 9:37-38

To go deeper: Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper/journal/laptop/etc.:

- What did you hear? (What did God say to you as you read the Scriptures for the day?)
- What do you think? (What does it mean to you, how does it apply to your life, and what difference will it make to you?)
- What will you do? (What action step will you take? How will you think differently? How will you live differently?)
- Now talk to God (Put your thoughts into prayer. It could be a prayer of gratitude or praise. It could be a prayer of confession or a request for God's help. It's up to you. But take a minute each day to write a prayer response to what you read in the Scriptures.)