

Discussion Guide for Gospel Mission

Introduction:

Have you been on a mission trip? Where? What comes to mind when you think of missions? Describe.

The question is no longer if you're called.

The question is where and how.

God has created us, crafted us, saved us, and blessed us ultimately for the spread of His glory in the world.

God uses ordinary people to carry out His mission. To be a follower of Jesus is to be a disciple who multiplies the gospel. We have no greater mission. From cover to cover, the Bible tells the story of the God who created, crafted, saved, and blessed us for the spread of His glory in the world. Because the gospel is true, the story must be told.

We tend to think of missions only as traveling cross-culturally to meet physical needs and share the gospel. Missions is much broader. Each of us glorifies God in the unique station in life where God has called us. In that sense, we're all on mission.

Every Christian is supposed to be on mission
where we live and then be open
to going wherever God might lead.

Read John 16:7

Jesus sensed the disciples' fear and reassured them with the hope of a coming Helper, the Holy Spirit. The Helper convicts the world of sin and promotes justice and righteousness. He empowers believers to engage in gospel mission. David Platt noted, "Every follower of Christ has the Spirit of God dwelling in them for the purpose of the spread of the gospel through them." Because we all have the same Spirit and the same Word Jesus had, none of us are exempt from participating in His mission. Every disciple is called to be a disciple maker.

If the Spirit of God dwells within every believer in Christ, then why do so many believers struggle to engage in gospel mission?

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of God dwelling in them for the
purpose of the spread of the gospel
through them.

Don't underestimate how your disciple making
right where you live is a part of a grand plan
to get the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Read Matthew 28:19-20

What components of disciple making did Jesus identify?

In your own words, how would you define what it means to make a disciple?

The Great Commission centers on one central command: “Make disciples” (v. 19). Disciples are created when we go into the world and share the gospel. Discipleship continues as disciples are brought into the church through baptism and are taught to obey all Jesus commanded. (Note: 75% of our discipleship takes place informally.)

If 75% of discipleship takes place informally how would that look?

Seventy-five percent of discipleship is informal.

Read Romans 1:14-16.

What if God has actually designed the globalization of today's marketplace for the spread of His glory among the nations?

How did Paul describe his urgency to share the gospel?

Paul was obligated to take the gospel to people whom he hadn't heard. He was eager to preach, and he was unashamed. Every believer is responsible for giving God a blank check with his or her life, and to go where He wills. We all have a calling to make disciples and the capacity to carry out that calling. The question is, what will you do with it?

God loves the people around you so much that He has placed you in their lives with a supernatural power to share the gospel. Many of us will be called to make disciples where we are. Yet with billions of people in the world with no access to the gospel, many of us will be called to go to them as well.

Is there an area of the world you feel a burden to pray for, give money for gospel work there, or visit on a short-term mission trip? Explain.



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