It Starts with One Series Group Notes

The Purpose of Your Life | Week 2

As followers of Jesus, we are called to carry His presence, not the pressure of how people will respond.

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- Worship, fellowship, Bible study, and serving will all be better in Heaven. Making disciples is the one thing we will not do there. How does that change the way you see this week?
- Who crossed your path this week who might say yes to an invitation to church if you asked them?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, stood out to you, or challenged you from this weekend's teaching?

Watch the Video (10 minutes)

- Prepare to watch the video by opening your Bible to Matthew 27:37-40.

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

Starter Question from the Video:

1. What opportunities do you have in your everyday life to share Jesus?

Scripture Observation and Interpretation:

2. Read Matthew 28:18-20.
    a. What does Jesus send His followers to do in these verses?
    b. What reassurance does He give them in verse 20?
3. Read1 Corinthians 2:1-5.
    a. Paul says he came to the Corinthians “in weakness with great fear and trembling (v.3).” How can our weakness make room for God’s power?
    b. Paul didn’t rely on “eloquence” or polished arguments in sharing the Gospel. What is the difference between being a salesman and being a witness for Jesus?

Personal Application:

4. What part of sharing your faith feels most intimidating to you?
5. What experiences do you have with sharing your faith with others? How did it go and what did you learn?
6. Paul shared his faith in weakness and fear, and God still worked. What would change if you trusted the Holy Spirit to show up in your conversations this week?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Close your time in prayer. You can use your own words or these words:

Jesus, thank you that you are with us always. Thank you for doing the work of transforming people’s hearts. Help us to surrender our fear of saying the wrong things. Help us to carry your presence, not the pressure of

the outcome. Give us courage to invite the one you've placed on our hearts and minds. In your name we pray, Amen.

For Further Exploration

- Save the date and make plans to join us for the Night of Worship and Prayer: November 12
- Read and apply Scripture that is connected to the weekend message and Group Notes every day in the SV app. Find "Daily Reading" at the top of the Weekly Guide page.
- Complete this 3-Day "Sharing Your Story" Bible study.

For Group Leaders

Have your group members begin to share names of people who they are praying for and plan to invite? Write down the names as they are shared, ask the group to pray for each one, and check in with each other each week.