

1. Motivate

When was the last time you felt like you were on a mission to find something?

2. Transition

A video introduction is available. View it at https://watch.liberty.edu/media/t/1_zjwy1xc7

God has sent us on a mission.

- God sends us to tell others about Jesus.
- We are on mission with Jesus to share Good News that changes lives.

3. Bible Study

3.1 Christ's Commission

Listen for Christ's challenge to His disciples.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV) 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

What did Jesus say about Himself?

What does it mean to us that Jesus has "all authority"?

What activities were the disciples to be involved in?

What does it mean to "make disciples"?

To whom was Jesus speaking when He first spoke these words?

Why is the commission transferable to other believers through the ages?

Note: The “go” is an imperatival participle in the original Greek.

- As a participle it could be translated, “as you are going.”
- as you go about life, remember your mission; remember your task
- because it is tied to the imperative, it is translated much stronger. We are commanded to “go” into all the world, every nation.

How can knowing that Jesus is always with us make a difference “as we are going”?

3.2 Tell of Christ’s Work in Our Lives

Listen for what is new.

2 Corinthians 5:16-19 (NIV) So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

What is the “worldly point of view” Paul mentions?

What did God do through Christ?

In what ways does God change our lives, make us a new “creation”?

To what responsibility have we been appointed on behalf of Christ?

How can you personally be involved in the ministry of reconciliation?

3.3 Ambassadors for Christ

Listen for the role to which we are appointed.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21 (NIV) We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Our Commission

What appeal was part of Paul's message to the Corinthians?

To what position have we been appointed in relation to sharing the message of reconciliation?

What are some ways we act as ambassadors for Christ? How is a Christian an ambassador?

The lyrics of a Gospel song declare that believers are the only "Jesus" that some will ever see. What kinds of things in the life of a believer would keep others from seeing Jesus in their lives?

What steps can we take so people will be attracted to Jesus more clearly, so we are better ambassadors?

Application

Thank Him.

- Thank God for His authority
- Express thanks for the commission He's entrusted to you to represent Him and share His good news.

Trust Him.

- We can overcome fears by giving them over to God.
- If you're challenged with sharing Jesus with others, pray and trust God to reveal and heal these areas.
- Acknowledge and write down any fears, concerns, or needs you want Him to help you overcome.
- Pray and trust Him to move.

Tell of His love.

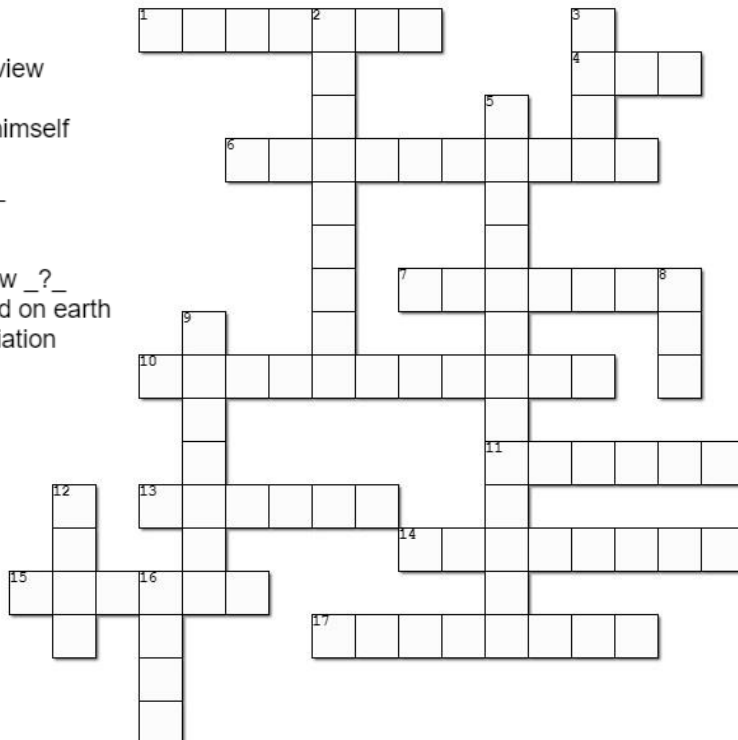
- As you meet people during the week, be bold.
- Ask, "Has anyone told you Jesus loves you?"
- Tell them, "He does, and I just wanted to let you know."

Crossword

Clues and words taken from Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (NIV)

Across

1. from a _?_ point of view
4. the _?_ has gone
6. God has _?_ us to himself
7. disciples of all _?_
10. we are Christ's _?_
11. _?_ I am with you
13. we do so no _?_
14. in Christ he is a new _?_
15. authority in _?_ and on earth
17. the _?_ of reconciliation



Down

2. go and make _?_
3. the new has _?_
5. in Him we become the _?_ of God
8. Him who had no _?_
9. we _?_ you on Christ's behalf
12. teaching them to _?_
16. the _?_ end of the age

... and that's how
you can have peace
with God!

