



WEEK 2: OUR MISSION:

Opener: When you were ten years old, what did you want to be when you grew up? Why? (Everyone briefly shares)

Typically, we answer that question with what we wanted to do for a living when we got older. That's because we as humans love to derive our identity from what we do. The Gospel says the opposite. God loves us despite who we were, enemies of God, but through Jesus we are now sinners saved by grace. We have a new relationship with God if we have trusted in Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

Our purpose of being created is now possible, to enjoy God and join him in making his name known throughout the world because Jesus rescued us from sin and death. But the goal of a follower of Jesus isn't to wait around to die and be with Jesus forever. He has rescued us so that we might proclaim the good news throughout the earth in word and deed. He also calls us to this mission together. *In week two of this 8-weeks series entitled ROOTED, we will be examining the mission to make disciples that God has called us together on as followers of Jesus.*

As a church,

Our mission is to help more people become fully devoted followers of Jesus.

Initial discussion questions: What do YOU think?

1. *What does it mean to "help" someone follow Jesus?*
2. *Why should "more" people be a concern for the church?*
3. *What do you think a fully devoted follower of Jesus looks like?*

Read:

Matthew 28:18-20: Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always to the very end of the age.

John 3:16-17: "For God so loved the world,^a that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Acts 1:8: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Discovery Discussion (Everyone answers)

- What caught your attention (or what did you like best) and why?
- What did you learn about Jesus?
- What did you learn about people?
- What promises or truths from these scriptures do you struggle to believe about God or yourself? How could truth correct your un/misbelief about God or yourself that would help you live on mission together this week?

For further discussion see page 2: Living a Prayer, Care, Share Lifestyle



We want to help more people become fully devoted followers of Jesus where we live, learn, work, and play as we live on mission by practicing a prayer, care, share lifestyle. This means intentionally look for opportunities to share the Gospel in word and deed. Preparing yourself to live this way includes these three practices that we can do daily to live out the mission God has called us to.

- **PRAY** - express our dependence on the Lord (Jesus wants us to pray at all times and not lose heart - [Luke 18:1](#)).
- **CARE** - we love others as we love ourselves ([Mark 12:31](#); [Matthew 22:39](#)) and show care for others as Jesus did; and
- **SHARE** - fulfill our ambassador role by taking the gospel to them with grace, boldness, love, and wisdom. So, let's start our time by praying for each other and begin to grow in ways we can care for each other.

OIKOS:

An oikos is one's circle of influence (network) composed of family, friends, acquaintances, colleagues, and neighbors. Oikos (οἶκος) is the Greek word meaning "family, home, or extended household." In relation to our mission, our oikos are a group of people with whom we share life. This is the most natural and common environment for evangelism to occur. This network is where God places us. God wants to use us among them.



Watch video: Click here: [Oikos Mapping](#) or scan QR code.

Oikos evangelism is God's natural bridge for sharing His supernatural message. We refer to this as "the natural mode of evangelism." It focuses on relationships as the means of sharing the Good News. In the basic model, non-believers see lives transformed which, in turn, backs up their testimony, and thus may be used to convince others to follow Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you created an Oikos list of people that your regularly see/ do life with who don't yet know Christ?
2. What are obstacles that the enemy puts in your way that keep you from living a prayer, care, share lifestyle with those on your Oikos?
3. What will you do together to encourage each other to live on mission this week?
4. Who can you pray, care, and share the Gospel with (from your Oikos list) this week?
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