



# Outward Group Discussion Guide

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## SUMMARY

This sermon celebrates the five-year anniversary of Outward Church Silverton while calling believers to embrace their mission as disciples of Jesus Christ. The pastor emphasizes that receiving the gospel means being sent on God's mission, not remaining comfortable in personal programs. Drawing from Matthew 28:18-20, the message challenges Christians to move beyond mere church attendance toward active disciple-making. The core theological insight is that true discipleship happens through making disciples—believers grow by going, even before they feel ready. The sermon stresses that the only requirement for sharing faith is having been with Jesus, not seminary training or perfect preparation. With urgency and passion, the pastor calls the church to maintain a growth mindset, reach the unreached, and remember that Jesus' authority empowers ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary kingdom work.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean in your daily life for Jesus to be not just your Savior, but your King with authority over every area?
2. Pastor Matt says you find your discipleship in making disciples. How does this challenge the idea that you need to be fully trained or ready before sharing your faith?
3. The sermon emphasizes going to the last person you would think would come to faith. Who is that person in your life, and what barriers keep you from sharing the gospel with them?
4. How does the difference between intellectual assent and true surrender to Christ show up in your own faith journey?
5. Peter and John were described as uneducated common men, yet the religious leaders recognized they had been with Jesus. What does being with Jesus look like practically in your life?
6. The sermon mentions that many Christians are far removed from the cross and their conversion

experience. How can you keep the mercy and grace of God ever in front of you?

7. What is the difference between behavior modification driven by social pressure and true transformation motivated by the gospel of Jesus Christ?
8. Pastor Matt says you cannot lead someone somewhere you have not been. In what areas of spiritual growth do you need to go deeper so you can effectively disciple others?
9. How does viewing your Christian life as being on mission with Jesus in a war between good and evil change your perspective on daily challenges and opportunities?
10. The Great Commission calls us to go before we are ready. What specific step of obedience is God calling you to take right now, even if you do not feel prepared?