



This Is How We Do It - Week 2

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This weekend, Pastor Choco De Jesus from New Life Covenant Church talks about how we share the deep, powerful love of God with other people through our actions.

CELEBRATE

At the beginning of your small group time, it's good to share about your week and share with each other how you're doing. So, spend some time, right now, connecting before jumping into the discussion questions. You can use the *Connect* section as a guide. If you're doing this Study Guide on your own, take a moment to focus your mind on God and what He might want you to hear today.

CONNECT

1. Talk about a time when an infomercial "hooked you." When you spent the \$19.95 or whatever because the advertising was so good. How did that turn out for you in the end?
2. Think about the last conversation you had with someone about God. Talk about how that conversation came about. How did you get to the point of talking about God with that other person?

Before watching the sermon, or moving on in this study, take a minute to remember that God is always with you. Pray as a group for God to bless your conversation and open your eyes and hearts to what He wants you to hear.

REFLECT

Before moving forward in your study, take a moment and review the key points from this weekend's message.

1. When Jesus called Paul to preach the Gospel, Paul changed from a persecutor to a proclaimer.
2. A saved life is a thankful, grateful life that overflows to others.
3. Evangelism (or sharing the news of Jesus) is "one beggar telling another beggar where to get bread." (Charles H. Spurgeon)
4. Serving must be intentional, accurate, transformational, and contagious.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE: Psalm 105:1, John 4:4-42, 8:48-49; Romans 10:14-17, 1 Corinthians 1:17-18

RESPOND

1. Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this weekend's message that resonated with you. Why do you think it did?
2. Pastor Choco challenged us with the story of Paul and the urgency to let people know about the good news of Jesus. Talk about if or how you feel that urgency in your own life. What have you done with that urgency?
3. Read Mark 10:35-45. Read slowly and out loud if possible. The Gospel of Mark is probably the first of the four Gospel stories to be recorded. Many scholars believe Mark was writing down information directly from Simon Peter, one of Jesus' three closest disciples. This passage shows the perspective of the Disciples towards Jesus, namely that they believed he was the Messiah; a literal king who would overthrow the evil Roman Empire.
4. The passage begins with a request of two brothers, James and John. (10:35-40) Talk about what you see in Jesus' response to these two men and their request. If Jesus came to bring good news, how is his response to James & John "good"? Talk about a time when you asked God for something you felt was good, only to find out that God had something better in mind.
5. The other 10 disciples heard James & John's request and responded, well, poorly (10:41). Think about how you would respond if you were in the same situation. Do you see the request of James and John as based on selfishness or on a deeper trust in the power of who Jesus is? Why? Talk about the difference between the bad news of anger and jealousy and the good news of asking bold requests of Jesus. How have you see this play out in your own life?
6. In Mark 10:42-45, talk about how Jesus changes the conversation with all 12 of the disciples. Keep in mind that the Gentiles Jesus refers to are the powers of the Roman Empire, who were ruthless in the way they oppressed and overpowered everyone at that time. Talk about how Jesus' example of service would be good news in a time like this.
7. The word Jesus uses for "serve" in 10:45 is the Greek word *diakoneo*, which means "to render or provide help" or to "attend to one's needs." Talk about what you see in Jesus'

statement about true power coming not from "having" servants, but "being" servants. How is this attitude and way of life "good news" to our friends and neighbors today? How is a conversation about God's love helped by our adopting an attitude of serving?

8. Take a moment as a group and think about the areas in your life where you are choosing not to "be served" but instead "to serve." If you don't have a place in your life where you are serving others, consider serving at your Parkview campus. There are a variety of places to give your time, energy, and skills to making sure the "good news" comes through loud and clear on a regular basis. If you are doing this study in a group, talk as a group about how you could all serve together in some capacity. If you need help, your associate campus pastor can connect you to local serving opportunities or opportunities at the campus you attend.

Closing Prayer:

God, thank you that the good news isn't just about words. Thank you that you backed up the goodness of your words with the graceful goodness of your actions. Now, as we go into this week help us to follow your example. Help us to seek to serve others in ways that tell the story of our life. Let the way you've saved, blessed, healed, and rescued us come through loud and clear in the way we act on behalf of other people. May our actions this week make you famous to everyone around us. Thank you for serving us first.

Amen.