



Life On Mission - Week 2

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As we continue the Life on Mission series, Pastor Tim teaches on how serving others is a key part of a life on mission.

NOTE: We are sending this out before the services so you and your families can spend time watching service and discussing the Study Guide together! If you're looking for some virtual ways to connect with your Small Group, check out [Zoom](#) or [Google Hangouts](#)!

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 the strangest customer service experience you ever had. What made it so unique or weird?
2. Talk about a time when someone went out of their way to help you when you were in need. Describe how that service impacted you and your family.

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, remember the big picture of this week's teaching:

- Jesus' mission for us begins with opening our eyes to the simple things we can do to help someone in need - *no matter who they are*.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE: Matthew 9:35-38, 22:37; Luke 10:29-37, Acts 1:8, James 2:14-17

RESPOND

1. Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this week's message that resonated with you. What made it stick out to you?
2. The idea of a neighbor feels different in this stay at home season. Describe those people who come to mind when you hear the word "neighbor." What do you know about them? What don't you know about them?
3. Read Luke 22:24-27. Note the details of this passage and the situation Jesus is addressing. Talk about the difference between "lording" over someone and serving someone.
4. Jesus says that he set the example of "one who serves." (22:27) Take a moment and think about as many stories or teachings of Jesus as you can. How does Jesus set the example for what it means to serve? How can you imitate Jesus in the way you serve those around you?
5. Talking about the story of the Good Samaritan, Pastor Tim says that it is possible to "have bad theology (thoughts about God)" and still be a "better neighbor than" us. Talk about the ideas, beliefs, and prejudices that often get in the way of our compassion for others.
6. Think about one particular belief that God is inviting you to set aside today so that you can love your neighbors well.

Takeaway

Last week we had you write down the names of specific people that you could connect with somehow during this pandemic season. If you didn't do that, go ahead and make that list now.

If you have those people in mind, make a list of 1-2 possible issues or challenges they're facing right now. Pray and ask God how you can be a neighbor to those folks on your list; serving them with compassion and love. Take your time and be intentional with how you serve.