

LIFE GROUP GUIDE - Week Starting Sunday 8th March

Key Scripture Mark 6:7-13

This Week's BIG IDEA

You don't need lots of training and equipping to be an instrument God can use to glorify Himself and bless others. All you need the Holy Spirit, and a willingness to be obedient to what God is calling you to.

Focussing on God

Take a moment to worship God, asking Him to fill you, equip you, and call you.

Song: For the sake of the world (Bethel): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6-KAcJu1Hg>

Intro Questions

- Which type of bag "packer" are you?
- What have you always wanted to be able to do, or be better at? It could be an instrument, a skill, or just an activity you've always wanted to be able to do.

Getting into Scripture

Read Mark 6:7-13 together.

- Does anyone in the group feel like they know with certainty what God has called them to do in this life?
- Read verses 8-10 again. Can anyone describe a time where they felt ill-equipped to say something to others about their faith? What happened in that situation? (Hint: Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 and 2:Corinthians 12:9) as counterpoints, as a reminder that God uses imperfect vessels.)
- How does the call in these verses reflect The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Read 1 Samuel 10:6-7. Can you articulate what God has placed in your hands, or close by to you?
- Read Acts 17:26-27. Do you feel like you are supposed to be where you currently are? Why/why not? Are you able to see what God is doing by placing you in this place?
- Read verse 11 again. How hard do you find it to step back or withdraw from someone who clearly doesn't want to know anything about your faith? How has it affected your relationship with them?

Missional & Pastoral Prayer

You could close by praying for one another's circle of influence, that you would be a blessing to them, and that through your words and actions you would show something of the love of God to them.

You could also pray for equipping and direction for one another, particularly if someone feels called to something like mission or church planting.

Finally, don't forget to lift up the needs of the group, particularly as we have been talking about the fact that we lack nothing in Christ Jesus.