

Growth Track Lesson 1

Our Mission - Bible Study Handout

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Our Mission

Love God. Love People. Share Jesus. Make Disciples.

Big Idea: The church is not just a place you attend. It is a spiritual family you belong to, a mission you join, and a calling you live.

Key Scriptures

Matthew 22:37-39 - Love the Lord your God... Love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 28:19-20 - Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.

Acts 2:42 - They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship...

John 14:15 - If ye love me, keep my commandments.

1. Love God

Everything begins here. Loving God means devotion, worship, obedience, and a real relationship with Jesus.

- I pursue Him, not just ideas about Him.
- I worship Him, not just talk about Him.
- I align my life with His Word.
- I learn His voice and obey His direction.

Reflection: What habits in my week show that God is first?

2. Love People

Real love is visible. We choose compassion over convenience and make room for hurting, searching, and broken people.

- We love beyond boundaries and preferences.
- We do not reserve kindness for easy people.
- People should feel seen, safe, and not alone.
- We are building a church where real people meet a real Savior.

Reflection: How can someone feel the love of Jesus through me this week?

3. Share Jesus

We do not keep hope to ourselves. Sharing Jesus is not about pressure; it is about purpose and intentionality.

- Tell your story.
- Invite people into the presence of God.
- Speak the name of Jesus with confidence and love.
- Create space for others to encounter Him.

Reflection: Who in my life needs an invitation, a conversation, or a prayer?

4. Make Disciples

A disciple is not merely someone who attends. A disciple follows Jesus, grows in truth, and helps others grow too.

- We do not just go to church; we become the church.
- We do not just receive; we reproduce.
- We do not just sit; we serve.
- We take responsibility for someone else's spiritual future.

Reflection: Who am I helping move closer to Jesus?

Love God - Growth Measure

The source lesson spends special time on the first mission: loving God. Use this page for honest self-examination and discussion.

Area	Question	Check
Affection	Is my heart tender toward Jesus, or have I grown cold?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Priority	Is He first, or is He squeezed into the leftovers of my week?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Worship	Do I surrender to God, not just sing to God?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Word	Is Scripture shaping my decisions and correcting my life?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prayer	Am I connected daily - and listening, not just talking?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Obedience	Am I quick to respond when God speaks?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Holiness	Am I keeping my life clean, surrendered, and set apart unto God?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Faithfulness	Am I steady, and quick to return when I drift?	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Discussion

- Why can a person be active in church and still drift in affection toward Jesus?
- What competes most for your attention right now?
- Why is quick obedience so important in spiritual growth?

This Week's Response

Turn the mission into movement. Choose specific next steps, not vague intentions.

Love God	
Love People	
Share Jesus	
Make Disciples	
Prayer Focus	

Leader Notes

- Keep the tone invitational and pastoral.
- Use the four mission statements as the backbone of discussion.
- Invite class members to share one concrete response step before leaving.

Closing Prayer

Jesus, form Your mission deeply in us. Teach us to love You first, love people well, share You boldly, and make disciples faithfully. Shape our church into a place where truth is lived, grace is felt, and lives are changed. Amen.