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## Missio Dei: Week 2

Justin Terry, January 12, 2020  
*Small Group Discussion Questions*

### Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

### Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

### Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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#### Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

**Read: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21**

1. What controls and motivates Paul’s life?
2. What changes when we surrender and proclaim Christ as Lord?

**Read: Matthew 9:35-36**

3. What motivates Jesus’ compassion for the crowds?

#### Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

*Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.*

4. An ambassador is an official representative on behalf of one country to another. As believers, we are Christ’s ambassadors, sent with his message of reconciliation to the world.
  - What are the most important actions and/or mindsets for an active ambassador of Christ?
5. “There is no safe investment. To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket – safe, dark, motionless, airless – it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy, is damnation. The only place outside Heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is Hell.” (C.S. Lewis)
  - What stands out as important in this C.S. Lewis quote for followers of Jesus?
6. Jesus had compassion for the crowds because they were “harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” (Matt 9:36).
  - What group of people do you feel compassion for? Why?
  - How are you equipped to minister to this group of people?
  - What might be your next step in following through on your compassion for this group?

#### Surrender: **Responding to God’s voice.**

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\***

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#### We’re here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!  
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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