

Leader's Guide

Great Disciples: Go & Love Others

Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 10:25-38

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Goals of the Discussion

- To help the group understand that discipleship is not just believing in Jesus, but actively living out His love through intentional, relational actions.
- Identify one person and one step where they can “go and do likewise.”

One Additional Thought

This week's focus centers on living out love in real, tangible ways. Jesus calls His followers not just to believe, but to go - seeing people, stopping for them, and walking with them over time.

Opening Question / Icebreaker

Think of a time when someone showed you unexpected kindness or went out of their way to care for you. What impact did that have on you?

Discussion Questions

1. When you think about the call to “go” in Matthew 28 and the example of the Good Samaritan, what stands out most to you from what you heard?

Follow-up Prompts:

- Was there a phrase, image, or idea that stuck with you?
 - Did anything challenge or stretch your understanding of discipleship?
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2. As you think about 1 Corinthians 13, where did you notice a real-life moment this past week where you had the opportunity to love like that, but didn't? What happened in that moment, and what might it look like to respond differently next time?

Follow-up Prompts:

- What were you feeling in that moment (rushed, frustrated, distracted)?
- What might have helped you pause or respond differently?

Additional Scripture:

- Galatians 5:22–23 (fruit of the Spirit)
 - James 1:19 (quick to listen, slow to speak)
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3. In your current season of life, who are the people in your “path” (family, work, church, neighborhood) that might be hurting or in need of intentional love?

Follow-up Prompts:

- Where do you naturally cross paths with them (home, work, church, school)?
- What might they be carrying that others don’t see?

Leader Notes:

Encourage specificity. If answers stay general (“people at work”), gently guide toward naming an actual person. This sets up the application step.

4. When you reflect on the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan, which one do you most relate to right now? What might be keeping you from stepping in and engaging more intentionally?

Follow-up Prompts:

- What tends to hold you back from stopping (time, fear, discomfort, distraction)?
- What might it look like to take one step closer to being like the Samaritan?

Leader Notes:

Help the group see that the barrier is often not intention, but attention. This is a key turning point in the conversation.

5. What is one specific, practical step you can take this week to “go and do likewise” - to show intentional, Christ-like love to someone - and how can this group support or follow up with you on it?

Follow-up Prompts:

- What will you actually do (call, invite, serve, listen, follow up)?
- When will you do it?

- How can we check in with you about it next time?

Additional Scripture:

- James 1:22 (be doers of the word)
 - John 13:34–35 (love one another)
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Closing Prayer

Invite the group to pray along these lines:

- Ask God to help them *notice* people they might normally overlook
 - Ask for courage to *stop and engage*
 - Pray for the specific person each individual identified
 - Ask the Holy Spirit to grow Christ-like love in practical ways this week
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Final Leader Encouragement

Remind the group: discipleship isn't about doing everything. It's about faithfully loving the person in front of you. Small, consistent acts of love can have lasting impact when done in the way of Jesus.