



Session 2 | “What is the Mission of God According to God?”

Book Chapters 3-5 | John 3:16, Colossians 1:20, Revelation 21:5

BIG Goal | To begin discipling our family and friends the way Jesus disciplines His followers in the gospels.

Today’s Goal | To clarify what exactly the mission of God is according to God.

Watch video session #2 and then process questions and insights with the following:

- 1) God wants His world back. He wants all things reconciled to Himself through Jesus. He wants everything made new. So, if we’re asking, what’s the mission of God according to God? We can sum it up this way:

“The mission of God is to redeem and restore all things to Himself through Jesus. And we get to help.”

- Before watching the video, how would you have articulated what the mission of God is?
- Now that you have watched the video, how would you articulate it?

- 2) Because the mission of God is to get the world He so loves back, that needs to be the mission of the discipling plan we’ll be crafting, as well.

The video points out that a lot of churches are putting a lot of money and effort into what they call “discipling.” They offer classes and programs. They hire staff and buy all kinds of curriculum in an effort to disciple their people. But if *participation in the mission of God* is not the point of their discipling efforts, then all that time, money and effort is, in fact, in danger of missing the point.

- Do you agree? Why?

- 3) As we begin to think about how to craft our plan for discipling our family and friends, we want their daily participation in the mission of God to be the point.

- In the video Susan asks, “Can you imagine if all the Christians in the world were trained to join Jesus and bring a little of His grace to the people around them every day?” What are your thoughts as you consider that?

- 4) In the video Greg points out that there are 7.2 billion people on the face of the Earth. After we do what he calls “mission math,” how many unbaptized people are there for every baptized person on the face of the Earth?
 - How does that make you feel about the mission Jesus is inviting us to engage?
- 5) Greg then asks, “Why aren’t we - the 2.2 billion baptized people living in neighborhoods across the Earth - why aren’t we unleashing an overwhelming blessing on the unbaptized people living and working around us every day?” What is the answer?
- 6) What insights came to you as you watched the segment about the Finke’s dog, Pippy?
- 7) What solution do we find in the gospels to being under-discipled? (Think about Matthew the tax collector.)
- 8) The video concludes with some challenging but clarifying questions: Have we been invited to follow Jesus but remained seated at our booth? Have we thanked Jesus for His salvation but declined His training? Or have we gotten up to join Jesus on His mission, too?
 - What is your response to these questions? What is Jesus’ solution?

Before We Go

(Note: It may be helpful to break into groups of three for this.)

Insight to Action

What was the most significant insight you had as a result of today’s video and discussion? Can you take your insight and turn it into a plan for action in the coming week?

Write down your insight and plan for action:

Take **60 seconds** to have each person share their response with the group.

Ministering through Prayer

As we prepare to head out with Jesus, have each person ask the next person, “**How can I help you in prayer?**” After everyone has had a turn to answer, each person then prays for their neighbor.