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WAYS IN PARTICIPATING IN CHRIST'S MISSION - PART 3

WORSHIP (15 MINS)

02-23-25

Venue: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

Venue: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or Via Online,

Testimonies: "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past week?"

Opening Prayer: Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal to us how to know Christ in a deeper way.

WELCOME (15 MINS)

Welcome guests/first-time visitors.

Memory Verse: Luke 19:10

Ice-breaker: If someone asked you why you believe in Jesus, how would you explain the gospel in a simple and personal way?

Quote: "I have become all things to all men," he wrote, "so that by all possible means I might save some" (Apostle Paul) 1 Corinthians 9:22

WORD(30-45 MINS)Text:MATTHEW 10:1-8NLT

Intro: We learned a couple of Sundays ago about the two ways to participate in the Lord's mission—through prayer and giving. However, we should not stop there, the most important way is to GO:

1. GO TO THOSE WHO ARE LOST – vv. 5-6

Jesus initially focused on bringing God's message to the lost people of Israel, but the gospel was always meant for both Jews and Gentiles. Paul later emphasized this order in **Romans 1:16**. Jesus' mission was to seek and save the lost (**Luke 19:10**), and He intentionally spent time with sinners, showing them love and grace. He was even criticized for this, but He clarified His purpose in **Matthew 9:12**. As His disciples, we should follow His example—balancing fellowship with believers while also building relationships with those who are still far from God.

Q: Who in your life do you know that might feel lost or far from God, and how can you show them Jesus' love this week?

Q: Do you find yourself spending most of your time with only Christian friends? How can you create a balance between fellowshiping with Christians and reaching out to others?

Q: How can you be intentional about building friendships with those who don't know Him yet as Lord and Savior?

2. GO AND SHARE THE GOSPEL – v.7

The gospel is the message of Jesus Christ's birth, death and resurrection to save people from sin and its consequences. It is God's power that leads lost people to salvation. But they cannot know, believe, or be saved unless someone tells them the Good News of Jesus Christ. **Read Romans 10:13-15 NLT**

We who are already followers of Jesus have been commissioned to go and share the good news, helping those who are far from God become Christ's disciples. **Matthew 28:18-20 NLT**

Q: Who in your "life circle" needs to hear about Jesus, and what is one way you can share the Good News with them this week?

Q: What fears or challenges do you face when talking about your faith, and how can you overcome them?

Q: Jesus commands us to **make disciples** (Matthew 28:18-20). What does that look like in your daily life—at school, with friends, or on social media?

Leader's Tips:

S - Sensitivity. No one should feel left out.

P - Participation is encouraged.

A - Acknowledge. Make guests feel welcomed.

C - Confidentiality. What is shared stays in the group.

E - Encouragement. Be a blessing to one another.

3. GO AND DEMONSTRATE GOD'S KINGDOM – V.8

Having experienced the power of the gospel, we should share God's love with others. Jesus has commissioned us to spread His message. As we reach people who need to know Christ as Lord and Savior, many challenges and needs will arise, but through **prayer**, God will reveal His love and power. When we obey God by sharing the gospel with others, He promises to be with us, even in difficult places and situations while confirming His word with signs and miracles. If we do our part, God will do His.

Conclusion:

Not everyone will be a missionary abroad, but we all have opportunities to reach lost people. **Building genuine friendships** before sharing the gospel is often more effective than random evangelism. Many are still afraid to evangelize because we associate it with public preaching, but in a doubting and suspicious world, trust is very essential for sharing the message of Jesus effectively.

Practical Tools in sharing our faith:

1. **The Bridge Illustration** – watch the video <https://youtu.be/gPvpEnHHeEA>

2. **Sharing our Personal Testimony**

Three parts of a testimony:

1. **Your life before Christ** - What was your life like before knowing Jesus?

2. **Your life when you met Christ** - What led you to see your need for Jesus? When and how did you accept Jesus as your Savior?

3. **Your life after meeting Christ** - How has your life changed since accepting Jesus?

Challenge: Which of these three points challenged you the most? How can we start applying Jesus' teachings on evangelism today?

What is your take-away from this lesson?

WORK: The Challenge (15 mins.)

P- Pray for one another. Ask "what can I pray for you?"

R- Remind to invite a friend on the next gathering.

A- Apply the message during the week.

Y- Yearn to share your faith with someone during the week.