

WEEK 1

DISCUSSION GUIDE For Middle Schoolers



We all want to be part of something significant. We want to make a difference! We dream of making an impact and leaving the world better than we found it. Some people try to change the world all alone, but the people who've made the biggest and most positive differences in the world know you can't do anything truly significant on your own. Jesus told us this on his last day on earth. He gave his followers a mission that would change the world – but he made it clear we couldn't do it alone. He was sending us on a mission together. In this four-week series from the New Testament, we'll learn from Jesus and some of his earliest followers that Jesus **sends us on a mission** – a mission that can **bring healing**, that can only be accomplished **together**, and that we can **boldly** choose to be a part of.

THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

Jesus sends us on a mission.

BIBLE

Matthew 28:16-20; Romans 12:1-2

- What's something pointless you love to do?
- Have you ever not taken a task seriously because you thought was pointless? Tell us about it!
- Read Matthew 28:16-20. What stands out to you in this passage?
- In your own words, how would you explain the mission Jesus asked us to be a part of?
- If you were one of Jesus' disciples being sent out on this original mission, what questions would you have had for Jesus?
- What are some ways you've seen people participate in Jesus' mission with their words? What about with their actions?
- What are some obstacles preventing you from joining Jesus on his mission? What would help you overcome them?

ACTIVITY

Practice Sharing the Gospel – Use the handout sheet to read through the Gospel

- Break your group into pairs.
- Goal is for each person to practice 'Sharing the Gospel' with another person
- Take turns Reading through 'The Gospel'
- Bring everyone back together and ask How did it go?

- **What's a way you can join Jesus' mission to share his love with others this week?**
- Message Recap – Steps for Telling Your Friends.
 - **Don't Let Questions Stop You** – are you afraid of questions others could ask?
 - **Find a Focus** – what's your focus & how can you share God's love there?
 - **Share Your Story** – Jesus has made an impact in your life, write your story to share with others
 - **Find Your Few** – who can go with you, support your in sharing Jesus's mission?