



Explore

Look up and read your memory verses, Matthew 28:19-20, in your Bible.

If you suddenly had one million dollars to spend however you wanted, that would be great news! You might choose to spend it all or give it all away. You would probably at least tell your friends and family about the money.

God's story in the Bible is great news that you can freely give away to the world. In fact, some of the last words Jesus spoke on earth told us what to do with His good news (the gospel).

So what is the good news that we have to share?

Look up and read Romans 10:9 in your Bible, and fill in the blanks.

If you confess (say) with your _____ that Jesus is Lord,
and _____ in your _____ that God
raised Him from the dead, _____.

What does Matthew 28:19 tell us to do to all nations (people)?

We are told to go and tell people about Jesus so that they can accept Jesus as Savior and become disciples (followers of Jesus).

But we can't stop with just telling people about Jesus! After we share the gospel, what does Jesus tell us to teach people? (Hint: Look at Matthew 28:20.)

Once a friend accepts Jesus Christ as Savior, we need to help them understand who God wants them to be. We need to help them grow to become more like Jesus.

It is important to remember that we don't have to share God's good news on our own.

Who has promised to be with us always? (Hint: Look at Matthew 28:20.)

You are not alone! Jesus is with you wherever you go.

Look up and read Acts 1:8 in your Bible.

In Acts 1:8, where did Jesus say that the disciples would go?

_____ , and _____

In Bible times, people didn't have satellites to take pictures of the earth. They really had no idea how big the world was. The disciples just knew that they were told to go close to home and far away to tell people the good news. No matter where we live, God always wants us to start at home and then do what we can to take it everywhere.

DEFINITIONS

DISCIPLES — followers of Jesus Christ

GOSPEL — the good news about Jesus Christ

Discussion Questions

These questions are just a few that your small group will talk about. Think about your responses to the following questions.

1. How would you describe the good news that the Bible wants us to share?
2. Who do you need to tell the good news to, and how would you tell them?

2.4 | GOD'S INSTRUCTION TO LOVE HIM

God loved you so much that He wanted to give you something ... the Bible. Love for God begins with knowing what is in the Bible and learning to understand the truth of Scripture. The truth in the Bible is perfect and will never change. The Bible teaches us to love God. Jesus said that the greatest commandment is that you love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

The Bible commands you to love God with ALL that you are. It is the most important choice that you can make. Loving someone takes work. Loving God should be something that we think about and put effort into because He loves us. You can't love something that you do not know. You can't know God unless you know what the Bible says about Him. When you learn truth about God from His Word, you will love God more and more.

How has the Bible shown you that you should love God?

2.5 | GOD'S EXPECTATIONS TOLD TO US

If we want to know what God expects of us, we need to ask Him. We need to look in the Bible for answers. Because He loves us, God's expectation for us are high. But He is always there to help us be more like Him every day.

God expects you to stay separated from the sin of the world and stay clean so you can be used by Him. God expects us to obey Him. The Bible tells us that God will guide us, but He expects us to trust Him. God expects us to trust Him with everything that we are and everything that happens in our lives.

What is one thing that God expects from you?

2.6 | GOD'S TOOL TO TRANSFORM US

God changes us by His power when He uses truth from His Word, the Bible, in our lives. God wants what you do and think to be changed by Him and not the world. As we learn what is in the Bible and spend time reading it, God wants us to be transformed and changed!

If you are letting God's Word live in your life, it will control every part of your life. Storing God's Word in your heart will help you to not sin against God. When you are living your life in obedience to the truth of God's Word, God will renew your mind and make your thinking be more and more like His.

What is one way you can let God use the Bible to transform you?

2.7 | GOD'S GOOD NEWS TO THE WORLD

God's story in the Bible is great news that you can freely give away to the world. We are told to go and tell people about Jesus so that they can accept Jesus as Savior and become disciples (followers of Jesus).

When friends accept Jesus Christ as Savior, we need to help them grow to become more like Jesus. It is important to remember that we don't have to share God's good news on our own. Jesus is with you wherever you go.

Who do you know that needs to hear about God's good news today? (If you can't think of anyone, ask God to show you.)

Review Verses

2 Timothy 1:9

Who [God] saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.

John 3:17

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

1 John 4:9

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.

Mark 12:30

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Psalms 25:4

Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

SECTION 2.8 REVIEW COMPLETED



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