

WEEK 6:
SHARE THE GOSPEL

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Open in Prayer

Open each week with prayer. This campaign is focused on the idea of living with God's heart for His mission. This is only possible through the work of the Holy Spirit, and must begin in prayer.

Watch the Video for Week 6 Together

Video is found on RightNow Media, YouTube and mitchellberean.com/mission

Small Group Discussion

In this campaign there are 2 key steps to the mission of God.

Disciple Makers Share the Gospel

1. Know what you can control
 - Love God & love people
 - Identify as a follower of Jesus
 - Live on mission
 - Always ready to give a defense
 - Always ready to share the gospel
2. Know what God controls
 - God draws them
 - God opens them up
 - God saves them
 - God grows them

Our mission statement as a church is as follows:

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In this week's sermon we saw that being a disciple also entails being on track to be a disciple maker.



Questions to Consider

1. Love God and Love People

Evangelism starts with love.

Oftentimes the people we feel called to share the Gospel with also may be people we severely disagree with. How can you practice loving those who are hard to love?

Cross Reference: **Matthew 5:38-48** *"You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. If you are sued in court and your shirt is taken from you, give your coat, too. If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. Give to those who ask, and don't turn away from those who want to borrow. 'You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect."*

2. Identify as a Follower of Christ

In order to be a light for Christ, people need to know that we are His followers. What hinders you from being open about your faith? How can you overcome those fears?

Cross Reference: **Galatians 1:10** *Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.*

3. Live On Mission

We found in last week's sermon that we must have intense focus on our mission. This can be compared to the discipline of a soldier. What are things in your life that distract you from living on mission? How can you grow in prioritizing the mission of Christ?

Cross Reference: **Mark 4:13-20** *Then Jesus said to them, "If you can't understand the meaning of this parable, how will you understand all the other parables? The farmer plants seed by taking God's word to others. The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and take it away. The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word. The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced. And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"*



4. Always Ready to Give a Defense

Do you feel like you have an accurate and effective method of sharing the Gospel? Did any of the examples Pastor John gave stick out to you?

Cross Reference: **1 Peter 3:15** *Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.*

5. Always Ready to Testify

Our testimony in Christ is a powerful and relatable method of evangelism. Do you feel prepared to share your testimony in a 3-5 minute time window? If not, perhaps now would be a good time to practice with your life group. If time allows take a few minutes to practice either giving a defense of the Gospel or testifying of Christ work in your life.

Cross Reference: **1 Corinthians 9:16** *Yet preaching the Good News is not something I can boast about. I am compelled by God to do it. How terrible for me if I didn't preach the Good News!*

6. Understanding What God Controls

This week's sermons showed us that we are not in control of people's reactions, decisions, or responses to the gospel. Do you find putting yourself pressured to share the gospel, or do you simply see sharing the gospel as a God orchestrated opportunity? Why?

Cross Reference: **1 Corinthians 3:5-8** *After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God's servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work.*

Group Fellowship & Prayer

Discuss. As you pray and discuss this week's sermon and questions with one another, please try to be vulnerable.

Pray. Spend some time exchanging prayer requests and minister to one another's needs.

Hang out. Getting to know one another is a vital part of obtaining God's heart to strengthen the church and reach the lost.

Weekly Challenge

Pursue Relationship. Identify one person in your life that you have a relationship with. Start praying that God would work on their heart and that He would provide an opportunity for you to share the Gospel or share your testimony. Be ready to act, because God will open the door if we ask!

