



Our Faith Can Really Change The World

Week of February 28, 2016

These discussion questions can be used the week following the message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your Connect Group discussions.

Series Recap:

There is a spiritual war taking place in our world. Jesus has called us to take a forefront position in fighting this war so we can achieve the urgent task of the kingdom—making disciples. He told us to follow him and taught us to share him with our neighbors and others so we can grow and expand. He's given us everything we need to accomplish our mission.

Message

Read Matthew 28:18

We are the amazing work of God's hand made to reflect his image. We are called to share his love, his word, and his salvation to make disciples in our communities so people around us can see the light of Jesus in a world that is broken. Jesus has come to show us the truth and equip us with the tools we need daily to change the world. So instead of sitting back and complaining about how the world is turning out, get On The Road! Stop waving the white flag to hell and instead start charging at the devil with your water pistol.

Pray

Lord, I believe in the mission to expand your church though our faith to change the world. Strengthen me and awaken the sleeping giant in me to tie take up my mantle of this great commission to change the world for you. It is not about my will, but your will be done.

Share Your Experience This Week
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Getting Started

- What does it feel like to struggle with the thought of sharing Jesus with someone standing by you at the train station, bus stop or cafeteria? Why do you think we struggle?
- Have you had the chance recently to change someone's life through sharing of his word? Did you take it? What happened?

Listening Deeply

1. Matthew 28:18 talks about our given authority both in heaven and earth, what is this authority supposed to be used for?
2. Regarding the mandate in Matthew 28:18 (I have commanded you)--When does it start and how long are we supposed to do this?
3. What are some of the struggles you go through often make you relinquish your authority to represent Jesus in this broken world?
4. Hebrews 1:3a talks about how the Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being. What reflection are we supposed to leave in our community?
5. How can we stop waving the white flag to hell and start changing lives in our community?
6. How can you help today in changing your community through your faith?

Living Wide in Jesus

God's given authority has its mandate! We are here on earth for a purpose--the expansion of the kingdom. We all know how to use our keys to gain access to our houses and cars yet the keys of the kingdom of heaven have been given to us by Jesus. The question is...what is the challenge in opening the doors? We can all get on the road today! Embrace your identity as the Father's well-loved child! And believe that our faith is really all the authority we need to change the world.

**Remember your commitment card and \$5 Jar on Sunday, March 6*