

***Mission: Possible —
Living the Great Commission***



Doing Our Part to Complete the Great Commission

Small Group Study Questions

Or

Personal Study Questions

Introduction

“What is impossible with man is possible with God.”

- Jesus in Luke 18:27



1. Have you seen the Mission Impossible TV show or movies? Why do you think the Mission Impossible team was able to accomplish missions that others thought were impossible?

2. Put “The Great Commission” into your own words:

3. What part of the Great Commission do you think is the most difficult to complete?

4. How do you think you would have reacted to the news that Jesus Christ rose from the dead if you had been one of His disciples?

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5. How has an understanding of the authority of Jesus Christ changed the way you look at your everyday life?

6. Which translation of the “GO!” statement of the Great Commission do you track the best with?

7. Share some of your thoughts on the difference between being a convert to Christianity and a disciple of Jesus Christ.

8. Which are you? Why?

9. Did someone disciple you? What was their discipling process?

10. How many disciples of Jesus Christ have you made?

11. How comfortable are you with your answer to question 10?

12. What changes can you make in your life to make more disciples?

Chapter One - Missional Living

**“I am sending you to open their eyes,
so that they may turn from darkness to light
and from the power of Satan to God,
that they may receive forgiveness of sins
and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”**

Acts 26:16-18



1. How familiar are you with the term: “Missional Living?”
2. Which of these three passages of Scripture is the most meaningful to you? Why? [Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:6-8, Acts 26:16-18.]
3. How have you see the role of the Holy Spirit evident in your personal life?

7. Can you tell stories of times that you felt God tap you on the shoulder and ask you to do something for Him? Tell one.

8. Are there times that you've told Him, "Do not disturb?"

9. How eager are you to learn how to become more available to the missional living assignments the Lord is going to send you on?

Chapter Two - Hearing His Voice

**“And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping.
And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour?
Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
Matthew 26:40-41**



1. How familiar are you with the concept of listening prayer?
2. How do you hear the voice of God speaking in your life?
3. Has God spoken to you in visions and dreams? If so, tell a story of a time He did.

4. Are there other ways that God has spoken to you in your life? How so?

Spend at least one session in listening prayer. Then answer the following questions:

5. How hard was it for you to set this hour aside?

6. How hard was it for you to sit still before the Lord?

7. What did you hear the Lord say to you during your time of prayer?

8. Test what you heard from the Lord!

- Does it match what you read in Scripture?

- Do spiritual mentors affirm that it is from God?

- Does it exalt Jesus Christ?

- Does it produce good fruit?

- Does Jesus Christ bring it pass?

9. What barriers to hearing the Voice of God have you identified in your life?

10. What can you do to free up more time to spend in listening prayer on a regular basis?

Chapter Three - Seeking His Peace

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...”

Colossians 3:15



1. Were you familiar with this interpretation of Colossians 3:15?
2. If yes, how do you apply its application in your life? If not, share some of your thoughts on this interpretation of “Brabeueto.”
3. I used referee and umpire - write your own metaphor for the way peace can be a decision maker in your life:
4. How hard is it for you to pause when you’re seeking the Lord’s peace?

5. What are some of your stumbling blocks from finding His peace?

6. What are some of the indications that you're not at peace in your own personal life?

7. Tell a story of a time when the peace of Christ passed all understanding and you *knew* that you were in the center of God's will for you.

8. How can you amend your thinking to better use the peace of Christ as a decision making tool in your life?

Chapter Four – The Alliance is all About Missional Living

**“And this gospel of the Kingdom,
will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations,
and then the end will come.”**

Matthew 24:14



1. Are you familiar with the Christian and Missionary Alliance?
2. Have you ever considered that the Great Commission has an end point?
3. Have you ever pondered the thought that you could play a part in the completion of the Great Commission?
4. How have you taken part in the Great Commission in your life?

5. What is your story of “being found” after you were “lost without Christ?”

6. How do you think that your small group can be mobilized to help complete the Great Commission?

7. How do you think that your church as a whole can be mobilized to help complete the Great Commission?

8. We strive to make fully-devoted, mature disciples of Jesus Christ. What are some of the spiritual attributes of a “fully-devoted disciple of Jesus Christ?”

9. What barriers keep us from being “fully-devoted disciples?”

10. What parts of your church’s statement of faith, vision, or core values speak into the Great Commission?

Chapter Five – The Reality of Hell

“Then he will say to those on his left,
‘Depart from me, you cursed,
into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
For I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
Matthew 25:41-42



1. How well do you relate to the possible answers to the question:

If you were to die tonight and stand before Jesus and He asked you why He should let you into His heaven, what would you say?

2. How well do you relate to the one *right answer* to that question?

3. Which of the false theories of Universalism makes the most sense to you, in your human way of thinking?

9. What's the difference between hell and the Lake of Fire?

10. Do you know of a story of someone who lived in a country where Gospel access is low, but yet found the Lord? What's the story?

11. How has the evidence of God's creation, and the moral code written on our hearts, been minimized by our culture?

12. What do you think Christians can do about it?

13. How important do you think the "full disclosure" statement is in proper exegetical biblical study?

Chapter Six - Evangelism Techniques

**“Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

**For with the heart one believes and is justified,
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”**

Romans 10:9-10



1. What large group evangelism events have you been a part of in your life?

2. What fruit did you see from those events?

3. Did you notice any limitations in them? How so?

4. Have you been part of local-church evangelism efforts?

5. What was the fruit of those events?

6. Limitations?

12. What method(s) do you think is(are) the most effective in our culture today?

13. How many people have you “led to the Lord?”

14. How many people have you “discipled?”

15. What changes can you make so that you can make more disciples?

Chapter Seven – It’s All About Leverage

**“If you put these things before the brothers,
you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus,
being trained in the words of the faith
and of the good doctrine that you have followed.”**

1 Timothy 4:6



1. Are you more comfortable talking about spiritual things with a stranger or with someone that you already know? Why?
2. Have you ever realized that God has placed you at this point in history, in the place that you live, and in the relationships that are all around you? How does that knowledge make you feel about God’s love for you?
3. Do you already leverage your relationships with others in your daily life so that you can have spiritual conversations with them? How so?

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4. If you counted the spiritual conversations that you have with others on a weekly basis, how many do you think you have?
5. Are most of these conversations with people who know Christ or people who don't know Him?
6. What is the fruit of these conversations?
7. How hard is it for you to bring up Jesus in your daily conversations with others?
8. Can you name an athlete who is outspoken for their faith?
9. Can you name a politician who stands on a biblical platform?
10. Can you name a time when a Christian aid agency was the first to respond to a natural or manmade disaster, a cultural conflict, or a refugee crisis?

12. Have you ever used your hobby to develop meaningful relationships with others? How so?

13. How has your own family found answers to conflict through a ministry or biblical advice?

14. Tell an “I did that once...” story and the lessons you learned from it.

15. Name three people in your life today who ***you look to*** as a spiritual leader.

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16. Name three people who can ***look to you*** as a spiritual leader in their life.

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17. Do you have a “Nick story” in your life? Tell it.

18. How can you better leverage the relationships you already have to invest in Christ’s Kingdom?

Chapter Nine – Open Doors

**“I have set before you an open door,
Which no one is able to shut.”**

Revelation 3:8



1. I've found that often we overlook prayer in our evangelism method. What part does prayer play in your evangelism method?
2. Name a door that God has opened for you to share your faith with someone:
3. How “clearly” do you share your faith with others?
4. Have you experienced a time where the Holy Spirit brought things to your mind in a way that astounded you? How so?

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5. Share your own personal views regarding the balance between standing on the truth found in Scripture and having a good reputation with non-Christians.

6. How has the Lord opened doors for you to:

- Share the Gospel Message with those who have never heard it?

- Encourage and teach biblical principles to those who know Christ, but are struggling or questioning?

- Fellowship with, and encourage those, who are standing firm in their faith?

- Help those who have been disconnected from a healthy body of believers reconnect with a healthy body?

7. Have you encountered people who say they believe in Christ but aren't interested in being part of a church? What's your response?
8. How does the “establishing beachheads” metaphor help you as you walk through open doors?
9. What rhythms of your life have you leveraged to share your faith? How?
10. Have you ever found that someone was ministering to you even as you were ministering to them? How?
11. Do you think someone else has ever taken advantage of your generosity in the past? How?
12. How can you better ask for the Lord to open doors in your day and then look for them as you go about your day?

Chapter Ten - It's All About the Presence

**“I am the vine; you are the branches.
Whoever abides in me and I in him,
he it is that bears much fruit,
for apart from me you can do nothing.”**

John 15:5



1. Tell of a time you felt that you were completely in the presence of the Lord:

2. On a scale of 1 to 10 – 1 meaning “not very much” and 10 meaning “all the time,” how much of your day do you sense that you’re in the presence of the Lord? Explain your answer:

3. Name a time when the plans of the Lord didn’t make sense to you. Then tell how you saw Him working when you looked back on it after time.

9. Have you ever seen Paul’s list of “fruit of our sinful nature” vs “fruit of the Spirit” as an indicator of the work of the Holy Spirit in your life? How?

10. How can you do a better job of allowing the Holy Spirit “set you aside” for His holy purposes in your life?

Chapter Eleven – Six-Step Missional Living Plan

**“...always be prepared to make a defense
to anyone who asks you for a reason
for the hope that is in you...”**

1 Peter 3:15



The six steps are:

1. Pray.
 2. Look.
 3. Engage.
 4. Share.
 5. Pray Again.
 6. Repeat.
7. Which of the steps is the most intimidating for you? Why?
8. Do you live your life this way? If not, have you ever done part of this plan?

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In preparation for the group discussion, spend at least three days following this Six-Step Missional Living Plan. Then answer the following questions:

9. How did you hear the Voice of God through your times of listening prayer?

10. How did the Lord open doors in your day?

11. Were the open doors hard for you to see/identify? How so?

12. How did you engage in spiritual conversations with others? What was the result of your conversation?

13. Who did you share this process with? What fruit did you see as they joined you in the process?

14. Did you hear the Lord say different things to you as you prayed at the end of your day?
15. How did you feel about repeating the process? Were you scared, excited, etc.?
16. Every plan can be amended for personal application. How would you amend this plan for your life?
17. What changes do you think you would have to make in your life in order to live each day missionally with this kind of a plan?

18. Look at Engel's Scale of Evangelism. Where are you on the scale?

19. Where on the scale are those you had conversations with this week?

20. Can you see how the Lord has brought you through the steps of the scale?

21. What do you attribute to be the greatest factor to bring you from one step to the next?

22. What do you think is your next step?

Chapter Twelve – Missional Living as a Church

**“For just as the body is one and has many members,
And all the members of the body,
Though many, are one body,
So it is with Christ.”
1 Corinthians 12:12**



Answer the following questions in light of the group you're studying with. If as a small group, then answer them in a way that applies to your small group. If as a ministry team, then answer them in a way that applies to your ministry. If as a family, then answer them in a way that applies to your family. If you're doing them on your own, then answer them in a way that applies to your church as a whole, or one particular ministry area, and set up a meeting to share your answers with your pastor or ministry leader.

1. Do you think your ministry is more focused on those inside the church or outside the church? How?

2. Which is better? If you're trying to strike a balance between the two, what does that look like, and how does that work, practically?

12. What felt-needs do you currently meet?

13. Ask the Lord to identify some felt-needs that are not being met. What do you hear from Him?

14. Are you hearing Him clearly? How can you better spend time in prayer to hear the Lord identify felt-needs?

Chapter Thirteen – Your Mission – If You Choose to Accept It

“You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

2 Timothy 2:1-11



1. How do you invest your time in the Kingdom of God?

2. How do you invest your resources (stuff you own) in the Kingdom of God?

3. How do you invest your money in the Kingdom of God?

4. How do you invest your skills (and talents) in the Kingdom of God?

5. How do you invest your relationships in the Kingdom of God?

6. What are three SMART goals you're taking away from this book?

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7. Name three people you can share your SMART goals with:

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