# WEEK 5 ON MISSION TO BLESS



#### SERIES BIG IDEA:

We are God's family on mission together <u>loving</u> Jesus, <u>becoming</u> like Jesus, and <u>sharing</u> Jesus to build up Christ-centered families by wrapping God's family around your family.

We are loving Jesus by gathering together to love one another. We are becoming like Jesus by navigating scripture to follow Jesus together. We are sharing Jesus by praying with one another.

# God's family is God's plan to accomplish His purposes on earth.

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

# A missionary is someone on a mission to share the message of Jesus wherever he or she goes.

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup> He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup> Go!"

Luke 10:1-3 (NIV)

# I am a missionary who begins with the prayer: "Father, in whom are You working and how can I join You there?"

<sup>5</sup> "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' <sup>6</sup> If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you."

Luke 10:5-6 (NIV)

#### I am a missionary who listens to those who are far from God.

# A person of peace is someone who welcomes me into their story.

Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you. Luke 10:7 (NIV)

# I am a missionary who shares a table and $\underline{\text{eats}}$ with those who are far from God.

Heal the sick who are there. Luke 10:9 (NIV)

#### I am a missionary who serves others or is served by others.

...and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' Luke 10:9 (NIV)

I am a missionary who connects the story of the good news of Jesus with those who are far from God.

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#### TEACHING BIG IDEA:

We are sharing Jesus by being on mission together to BLESS.

<sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." <sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"... <sup>17</sup> Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Romans 10:11-15, 17 (NIV)

The spiritual landscape of our city will change <u>only</u> when God's family <u>goes</u> together on mission to share the message of Jesus' good news.



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# **TEACHING SUMMARY:**

God's family is His "Plan A" to accomplish His mission on earth. He has no "Plan B." When humanity rejected God as their authority, Satan gained authority and the curse of sin came upon humanity.

God had a plan to be with humanity and for humanity to be with God. God would choose an old childless couple, Abram & Sarai, and make a promise to them that they would have a family. God promised that their offspring would bless all nations. Abram & Sarai miraculously would have a son in their old age. Through Abraham's offspring, Jesus the Son of God would be born into this world to defeat Satan and the curse of sin through his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus is the blessing to all who receive Jesus as Savior and follow Him as Lord.

Jesus started His church, God's new family, and He called the church to go and share His good news. Jesus equipped them on how to be on His mission to bless the world. Being a missionary is what it means to be a disciple who makes disciples.

## **TALK-IT-OVER:**

What do you think about when you hear the word missionary?

How does it feel to be sent as a missionary by God where you live, work, study, and play?

Who could be on mission with you and have you talked about it with them?

What is a next step you need to take today?

Who do you need to tell about what you've learned?

## **DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:**

Day 1) John 13:2-3

Day 2) John 10:29-30, 17:11,21

Day 3) 1 Peter 1:22-23

Day 4) Matthew 28:19-20

Day 5) James 2:14-24

Day 6) Matthew 22:36-40

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