

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

FEBRUARY 13, 2022



ICEBREAKER

As we celebrate 25 years of ministry together what do you enjoy most about RPC|WE?

READ

Matthew 28:19-20 and Luke 19:10

QUESTIONS

How would you describe the mission that Jesus gave the disciples? ([teach others about Jesus, care about those who have lost their way, have an outward focus](#))

As a group of believers, we're given the same mission. What do you find most challenging about fulfilling what we have been entrusted with?

Who has been instrumental in teaching you about Jesus?

READ

Mark 2:14-17

QUESTIONS

How does Jesus demonstrate what it looks like to be on mission for others? (Jesus had an outward focus, he sat with others not like him, He reached out to people who differed in their beliefs and behaviors, He broke through barriers of division in the culture – “us” versus “them”)

What are some ways we can be on mission for others? (show up for them, invite them to church, an event, your home for a meal, a game, or to be a part of your small group, shift our thinking from being a consumer to a contributor, serve them)

READ

Matthew 5:13-16

QUESTIONS

What word or phrase stands out to you in this passage? Why?

When Jesus says, “You are the salt of the earth,” what do you think this means? (salt is essential for life, enhances flavor, can bring about healing, influences whatever it touches, is a preservative)

What does this passage say about our potential impact on society? What are some ways we can be the salt of the earth? (care for those in need, help people recover from natural disasters, stand up for the oppressed, care for the incarcerated, show compassion toward others)

QUESTIONS

Patrick said, “the church is not a facility or location, it’s a people.” How would you describe the purpose of the church and who it is for? (a place to gather, to worship, to be encouraged, to inspired, a safe place for the non-believer to explore faith, a place where we can help lead people to follow Jesus)

READ

Acts 15:19

QUESTION

What are some ways we unintentionally make it difficult for people to turn to God?

PRAYER: How can this group pray for you this week?

Thank you, Lord, for allowing us to be on mission with You for others. We ask for wisdom and opportunities to walk alongside others to show them your love. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

LEADERS:

Thank you for serving and being part of loving others! As a group, discuss an opportunity to serve together. Choose from our local missions or find one in your own backyard (<https://www.rpc.me/localmissions/>) and schedule a time to get together outside of the group.