

Go There. Vision Sunday
Date: 1/10/16

Read Together

Read the Scripture and overview below before your Life Group meets.

Scripture passage: Acts 1:1-3

The tiny word “go” can often be overlooked. A common, everyday word, *go* is easily skipped over or read hastily. The word is so small it may even go unnoticed. But *go* in Scripture has great meaning. God told Noah to *go* into the ark. He told Abram to *go* to the land He would show Him. He told Pharaoh to let His people *go* so they could *go* worship Him. In the New Testament, believers were told to “go” as well. The Great Commission’s famous, “go ye therefore,” is the hallmark mission statement for Christianity. But what does *go* really mean?

Rendered in the Greek, “go” literally means *to continue on one’s journey, to continue on, to transfer*. *Go* in this sense implies, “on the way or as you are going.” “Go therefore, and make disciples” to every child of God means, *as you are going* about your daily routine you are to talk to others about the Gospel. As you care for your family, *go* means you are to reflect Jesus to them. As you interact at the office, *go* means you should do so in a Christ-like way, pointing others to Jesus by your actions, attitudes, and responses. When nudged by the Holy Spirit, *go* means to speak of Christ to those who do not know Him. *Go* doesn’t mean we have to pack up and travel to some special, far away place in order to fulfill the Great Commission. No. *Go* means live on mission right where you are, on the way to where you’re going, and when you get there.

Pray Together

Use the first few minutes of your lesson to lead your group in a focused prayer time.

- **Praise** God for Jesus, the One who left Heaven’s throne to go to the cross in your place.
- **Repent** from any disobedience or complacency that hinders God’s work in your life.
- **Ask** the Holy Spirit to empower you to “go and make disciples” in your daily life.
- **Yield** to the Spirit’s power to work mightily in your life for God.

Discuss Together

Use these questions to engage in an informative and impactful discussion with your Life Group.

- Talk about places you go on a daily basis and brainstorm ways you could show Jesus to others while you’re there. (Simple, basic, non-threatening ideas.)

Read Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:14-20, Luke 24:36-53, John 20:19-31, Acts 1:1-3

- Discuss Jesus’ last days with His disciples on earth after His resurrection.
- What were His instructions?
- What assurances or promises did He make to His disciples from these passages?



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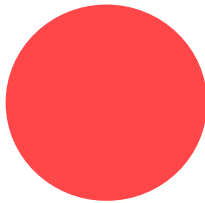
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- Talk about the purpose and importance of the Book of Acts. Who wrote the book, why it was written, etc.
- Describe what is meant by the phrase, “missional living.”
- Pastor McKinley noted three meanings for the phrase, “Go there.”
 - Go there can mean *location*.
 - Go there can refer to *conversation*.
 - Go there can include *expectation*.

Discuss each of these meanings of the phrase “go there” and how they relate to the believer living his or her mission and purpose for the Kingdom of God. How do these meanings bring about fear, apprehension, anxiety, or doubt? Does the fear of rejection or the fear of not having the right words in conversation come into play?

- Will you pray with expectancy for the dream of someone coming to know Jesus to be made manifest in your heart and life as you *Go There* for God this year?
- Where is your **RED DOT** or your **THERE**? In other words, where has God placed you for His providential purpose as a missionary for Him? Write it on the red dot below.

Spend some time in your Life Group praying and pondering this question. Share it with your group and commit to pray for each person’s *red dot* this year.



Do Life Together

These questions are meant to encourage you to apply spiritual truth and live on mission for Jesus. It is your Life Group leader’s responsibility to challenge you and hold you accountable to taking steps of growth and faith. Take these questions to heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to prompt you to grow in your role as a disciple and ultimately, a disciple-maker.

- What one step will you take this week toward living a more missional life?



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