

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

With your Bible or YouVersion, read 1 John 2:6.

This verse instructs us to live our lives in way Jesus lived.

- What is the most challenging part to you of trying to live your life like Jesus did?

Read Luke 2:49-50.

These verses show us that the life of Jesus was completely dedicated to doing His Father's business.

- How much of your life is currently devoted to God's business? In what areas do you do well, and where do you need improvement?

Read Luke 5:29-32.

Jesus tells the Pharisees in this passage that He associated and fellowshiped with sinners because He came to reach the lost.

- Share a time when you got out of your comfort zone to reach out to someone who did not know Christ. What did you learn from that experience?
- Who are some of the people that God is calling you to reach that do not know Him? What are some specific things you can do this week to reach them?

Read Mark 3:13-15.

In this passage, Jesus chooses the disciples—twelve followers that Christ would mentor and train to send out to do His work.

- Who are some of the people that have mentored and discipled you in your life? How have they helped shape you into the person you are today?
- Who are you currently mentoring and discipling, and how is God using you to work in their lives? If you are not discipling someone, who do you feel led by God to disciple?

NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week to help you focus on carrying out God's business of reaching the lost and building up others.

Make an attempt this week to share Jesus with someone that does not know Him. Pray for that person and for God to lead you as you share Christ's love with them.

Seek out someone to disciple if you are not already doing so (Don't forget kids and youth!). Pray and ask God who He might want that person to be. Then, talk to at least one person about the possibility of mentoring them. If you are being discipled by someone else, do something for your mentor to show your appreciation.

Use these prayer tips to guide your time with God this week to expand your conversations both in person and online:

- Confess to God those things that are keeping you from focusing on His business. Ask God to help you remove those distractions.
- Pray and ask God to help you move out of your comfort zone and remove any fear about reaching the lost for Christ.
- Pray for those whom you know that don't know Christ. Commit to God to do something this week to reach someone for Him.
- Thank God for those He has placed in your life that have mentored and trained you.
- Pray and ask God to reveal to you people who He wants you to build up.