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Life on Mission –Introduction
January 6, 2019

Scripture Reading – Matthew 9:35-38

Every Christ-follower must know certain foundational principles for a life on mission with Christ.

1. We are sent by Jesus. (John 20:21; Matt. 28:19-20)
2. We represent Jesus Himself. (2 Corinthians 5:20)
3. We are sent into His harvest. (Matthew 9:38)
4. We need His wisdom. (Matthew 10:16)

Application:

1. In your life, how does “living on mission” for Christ change your priorities or direction for 2019? How does it change your perspective at work...in your home?
2. Pray for His wisdom as you walk through 2019, seeking ways to represent Jesus well. Look for a specific way to make a difference in the name of Jesus this week.



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Life Group Questions/ Discussion

Main thought of the Study – Do we understand that every follower of Christ has been given a mission from the Lord? Do we know what it looks like to live on mission for the Lord?

Introduction Discussion – Share your first exposure to “missionaries.” Was it positive or negative? Agree or disagree – “All Christ-followers are missionaries.” Why or why not?

Reflections from the Message

1. After the resurrection Jesus finds the disciples behind locked doors. Have you ever felt afraid seeing the way our world is going? What scares you? Why do churches tend to isolate themselves from the world? Discuss ways to be in the world but not of the world. Read John 20:21 and compare the sending of Jesus into the world and Jesus sending us into the world. How difficult was it to send His Son into the world?
2. According to 2 Corinthians 5:20 we are ambassadors for Christ. Discuss the work of an ambassador and how it is similar to being a Christ-follower. What message are we to bring to the world? Paul says we should “implore” or “appeal” to the world. What are effective ways to do this? Share ways to reach out to people in today’s culture. What ways were common 40 years ago but are not as effective in today’s culture? Review the ways people at SHC reached out this past year.
3. The Lord wants us to be part of His harvest. Identify the harvest that Jesus was concerned about. (Matthew 9:39; John 4:35; Matthew 13:23) What part does prayer play in being part of His harvest? What should we be praying for?
4. Discuss the idea that Jesus the good shepherd would send His sheep into the middle of wolves. (Matthew 10:16) What does it mean to be wise as a serpent? What does this look like as a church? What does it mean to be innocent as a dove? Read I Corinthians 9:22 and discuss what we should be willing to do to reach people for Christ.

Application:

1. Are you ready to live on mission for Christ? Spend some time in prayer for the Lord to send us out into His harvest. Pray for eyes to see opportunities, to be wise in the world, and to be willing to do what it takes to reach more for Jesus.
2. Is there something you can do as a Life Group to represent Jesus to the world? Begin to brainstorm ideas and make a decision as a group to do something once a month – either participating in a church event, program or something in the community.