



# Group Leader Guide

## Sermon Recap

Josh emphasizes that the mission of the church is not about making bad people good, but about bringing hope and divine rescue to those who are lost. He highlights that true Christianity is about sacrificial love and that living out this mission should be the priority of the church, rather than catering to individual preferences. The church is a movement aimed at making a significant impact in the community, emphasizing the need for everyone to participate in this mission. Ultimately, Josh calls for collective action in service and generosity, encouraging believers to pray about their role in advancing God's mission.

## Ice Breaker

When was a time when you felt you made a positive impact on someone else's life, no matter how small? It could be a simple act of kindness, a word of encouragement, or a moment when you helped someone in need.

## Read Scripture

***John 3:16-18***

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

### ***Matthew 28:16-20***

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## **Discussion Questions**

- ▶ What does it mean for the church to be on mission according to Josh's message?
- ▶ In John 3:16-17, it talks about God's love and the purpose of Jesus coming to save the world. How does understanding this scripture change your view of church?
- ▶ Josh shared about how early followers of Jesus cared for the poor and the sick. Why do you think this was important?
- ▶ What are some ways we can ensure that our church does not become just another 'happy church' focused on entertainment?
- ▶ Considering the decline in church attendance mentioned by Josh, what do you think contributes to this trend?

## **Prayer**

- Ask for any prayer requests from the group.
- Pray for God to help you apply the message about being on mission in your daily life.
- Ask for guidance in contributing to the mission of the church.
- Request strength to share the good news with others in your community.

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