

CLARITY

MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 1 – MISSION & VISION

THE MISSION OF JESUS

- A mission answers the question: _____ do we _____?

¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

– Matthew 28:19-20

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

– Acts 1:8

- Followers of Jesus don't _____ their _____
- The mission of Jesus is _____ not _____

OUR MISSION:

Leading people to _____, _____, and _____ Jesus

- The mission of Jesus _____ us around what _____

VISION OF BEAR VALLEY

- Vision helps us answer the questions: _____ are we _____ and _____ should we _____
- Vision is a _____-fueled _____ of mission _____
- Mission is _____ | Vision is _____
- Our vision _____ Christ's mission

OUR VISION:

To be a _____ - _____ community experiencing _____
through a _____ to Jesus

¹⁵*But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,* ¹⁶*keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.*

– 1 Peter 3:15-16

ADDITIONAL NOTES

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. What is Jesus' mission for his followers?
2. Why is it important to realize that you cannot choose the mission for your own life?
3. Why is the mission of Jesus active and not passive?
4. What are some ways that followers of Jesus can be actively on mission with him?
5. Why should Jesus' mission be of utmost important to His church?
6. Why is vision important? Why can't a vision exist without a mission?
7. What does Peter say we should always be prepared to give an answer for? How should this distinguish followers of Jesus from the world?
8. How does Peter say we should respond to unbelievers? Why does this matter?
9. In light of the challenges of a swiftly changing culture, divisive politics, and challenging circumstances all around you, would you identify the Christians you know (including yourself) by the word *hope*?
10. Do you struggle with maintaining hope? If so, why?
11. How can followers of Jesus have hope in even the darkest and most challenging seasons of their lives?
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13. How can we leverage hope to tell others about Jesus?