

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

LIFE GROUPS | FRIENDSCHURCH

LEADER GUIDE

SERIES: Simply Jesus **PASSAGE:** Matthew 10:16-33

MAIN IDEA: Jesus' Mission

LEAN IN

Purpose: Introduce the topic and get the group talking.

1. What is one of your favorite things about American Culture? (Food, Sports, Celebrations, History, etc.)

LOOK DOWN

Purpose: Observe the passage and interact with the text.

This week we're looking at Matthew 10, specifically verses 16-33. In this passage, Jesus is sending out his disciples to share the Gospel (the good news of the Kingdom) and to minister to the surrounding world. As he's preparing them to go, he gives them warnings and instructions for how to approach their mission.

2. Read Matthew 10:16-33. What do you see Jesus preparing the disciples for?
3. In this passage, what guidance does Jesus give the disciples in light of what they will face?

LOOK OUT

Purpose: Connect observations in God's Word with observations in our world today.

4. How does the experience of persecution of Christians in America compare and contrast with that of Jesus' disciples and/or with Christians in other parts of the world? (I.e. India, Iran, etc.)
5. What sort of responses to the Gospel (not just to Christian culture) have you personally encountered?

LOOK IN

Purpose: Internalize God's Word and apply the truth to your personal life.

6. How do we be 'wise as serpents and innocent as doves' when facing opposition or even indifference?

7. Re-read vv. 19-20. Jesus says don't be anxious when sharing your faith because when the time comes, the Holy Spirit will speak through you. How does knowing God's word and being in prayer drive out fear and prepare us for these moments?

8. What do you fear more than God and His judgment?

LIVE IT OUT

Purpose: Spend time listening for God's direction and guidance as you seek to live out the truths of this passage in your everyday life.

9. Re-read vv 32-33. Everyone Jesus called, He called publicly. There is really no such thing as a "secret" Christian, it's an oxymoron. If arrested for the crime of following Jesus and tried in a court of law, would the charges be dismissed for a lack of evidence? Consider this question in a time of individual prayer and confession.

10. "What Christ is to you on earth, that you will be to Christ in heaven. If he is dear and precious to you, you will be dear and precious to him. If you thought everything of him, he will think everything of you." - Charles Spurgeon

Spend some time in your groups praying for each person's mission and the evidence of Christ in their lives.