



Values to live by

Small Group Discussion Questions

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Build Your Church - Week 5

Theme: How can we courageously share Jesus' love in a way that transforms lives?

At Calvary Church, our values guide who we are and how we live. Over the past five weeks, we've explored these foundational values, and today we focus on the fifth:

Reach Out with Love – Courageously share Jesus' love and redemption locally and globally.

People everywhere are searching for meaning. As followers of Christ, we believe true fulfillment is found in a relationship with Jesus. The Apostle Paul, once a persecutor of Christians, became one of the greatest evangelists, teaching us how to boldly share the Gospel with love and truth.

In this discussion, we'll explore three key themes from Paul's teachings:

1. The Need – Why are people searching for meaning, and how does Jesus fulfill that need?
2. The Framework – What biblical principles should guide us as we reach out?
3. The Strategy – How can we actively share our faith through relationships, prayer, and storytelling?

As we reflect, engage with Scripture, and discuss, may we be encouraged to step out in faith and share the hope of Jesus.

Gathering Together (Icebreaker - choose one)

Have you ever had a deep conversation with someone searching for meaning? What was it like?

Who helped introduce you to Jesus, and what impact did they have on you?

What is one challenge you face in sharing your faith?

Deep Dive into Scripture

The Need: A Universal Search for Meaning (Acts 17:27-28)

- Why does Paul say God is “not far from any one of us”?
- What are some things people try to fill their spiritual void with today?
- How has your faith in Jesus answered the question, “What was I made for?”

The Framework: Biblical Principles for Reaching Out

- God is at work (Philippians 2:13) – How does recognizing God's work encourage us?
- God pursues a love relationship with us (Ephesians 3:17-18) – How does His love shape our outreach?

- God invites us into His work (Ephesians 2:10) – How can we join what God is already doing?
- God empowers us for spiritual battles (Ephesians 6:12) – How does prayer prepare us for challenges in sharing our faith?

The Strategy: Sharing the Gospel Effectively

- Build Relationships (1 Corinthians 9:22-23) – How can we connect with others for the sake of the Gospel?
- Strategic Prayer (Ephesians 6:19) – Why is prayer essential in evangelism?
- Share Your Story (Acts 26) – Using Paul's testimony structure:
 1. Beginning – What was life like before Christ?
 2. Obstacles – What challenges did you face?
 3. Hope – How did Jesus transform your life?
 4. Future – How has your life changed since?

Personal Application Questions

Who is God leading you to build a relationship with?

What step can you take to be bold in sharing your faith this week?

How can prayer become a greater part of your outreach?

Closing Prayer and Reflection

Reflection Prompt:

What is one specific way God is calling you to share His love this week?

Prayer:

"Lord, give us courage to share Your message of hope. Help us to build relationships, pray faithfully, and share our stories with love. May we see where You are working and join in. Amen."

Additional Resources

Alpha Booklet – Why Jesus? (For faith discussions)

Calvary Easter Invite Cards (Invite someone to church)

Key Scriptures: Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Corinthians 5:20, Colossians 4:5-6

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." – 1 Corinthians 3:6

Let's go and do likewise!