Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Missions

Important Note

This week's study will look a little different. There is no video clip. Instead, we'll reflect directly on the key themes from the message and Scripture together.

Introduction

The mission of God has always been carried forward by ordinary people empowered by an extraordinary gospel. From the early church to today, the message of Jesus has reached across nations, cultures, and generations. It is not because of human strength, but because of God's Spirit working through His people.

This week, we explore how churches can grow by the power of the gospel, through hospitality that transcends boundaries, and by the radical act of forgiveness. These three expressions of faith reveal the heart of God's mission to the world.

Read Romans 1:16, Luke 14:13-14, Matthew 5:44

Discuss

Leaders: Choose questions that spark meaningful conversation and discern where God is leading—no need to answer them all.

1. Read Romans 1:16. Paul calls the gospel "the power of God that brings salvation…" What do you think makes the gospel powerful - not just as a message, but as a transforming reality in people's lives?
2. Read Hebrews 13:2. The Greek word for hospitality is "philoxenia" which literally means "friend to a stranger." How might we live out that kind of hospitality today? What practical barriers can prevent us from doing so?
3. Read Luke 14:13–14. Jesus challenges us to include those who cannot repay us. What might it look like for our group (or you personally) to show this kind of kingdom hospitality?

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4. Read Matthew 5:44. Jesus commands us to love and pray for our enemies. How is forgiveness one of the most powerful ways to reflect God's character and advance His mission?
5. Think about the people or groups who might be hardest for you to love or forgive. What would radical forgiveness look like in that space?
6. The gospel, hospitality, and forgiveness each break down barriers in different ways. Which of these do you sense God calling you to grow in most right now?

Who's Your Person of Peace?

Is there someone in your life who seems far from faith or difficult to reach? Perhaps a neighbour, colleague, or even someone you've struggled to get along with? How could you begin showing them the love of Jesus through genuine friendship, hospitality, or forgiveness this week?

Respond

The gospel still changes lives today through love that welcomes, and forgiveness that restores. As followers of Jesus, we are part of that ongoing story of grace. This week, what is one small step you can take to live out God's mission whether through sharing your story, extending hospitality, or offering forgiveness?