

Missionaries 2 - Care, Share, & Invite.

Weekly Discussion & Journal Guide

Sermon Notes

Last week, we heard how God makes us his missionaries, sent into the world to relay the message of reconciliation. As Christ's ambassadors, we are his strategy to reach the world that he loves. This Sunday, we explored what this looks like on the ground: choosing to invest in caring relationships, sharing your faith at the right time in the right way, and inviting people to experience Jesus as lived in the Christian community.

Questions

1. What holds you back from being a missionary?
2. How does it change things to know that **God** is making the appeal?
3. What do you feel you need to fulfill God's mission?
4. Talk about someone through whom God has appealed to you.
5. How have you seen God work through your or other's failures?
6. As a missionary, who are you being called to care for? Who keeps "showing up"?
7. Sometimes we ignore people around us in need. Why do you do that?
8. What has God done for you that you can share with others?
9. Have you ever tried to share "how much God has done for you" (Luke 8:39) with someone else? How did it go?
10. What are some ways you can talk about your faith with others?
11. How do you feel about inviting people to a Sunday service?
12. What are ways you can invite non-Christians in to experience Christian community?

Additional Reading

2 Corinthians 5:1-20, Romans 5-6, Matthew 9:10-13, Luke 4:17-21 Isaiah 6:8

Text Group Prompts

1. Share with your text group someone who you are feeling called to reach out to. And then pray for each other's person.
2. Encourage one another to invite someone to Parkapalooza on June 3.

Daily Readings

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Romans 13	Romans 14	Romans 15	Romans 16	Psalms 24	Psalms 42 & 43

Journaling Prompts.

Romans offers us an appropriate image of the what and the how of what it means to be missionaries. Here are some questions to consider this week as you read through these chapters. You don't necessarily have to respond on the days that correspond to the daily readings. If you are in a text group, talk about any questions you might have together about what you're reading or share some of what you wrote in your journaling.

Romans 13 & 14

Romans 13 and 14 are full of some very practical teachings. They can be a little complicated, but if you're able to read carefully, the logic is clear and can be followed. His focus seems twofold: live according to a clean conscience between you and God, and make sure to never 'overstep' so that you make a brother or sister stumble. Write about the areas where you don't feel you have the clear conscience between you and God, and write a prayer of confession and a prayer for help in those areas.

Romans 15

Paul seems to see a primary activity within the church is building up and encouraging one another, and so living harmoniously is central to us. Write about who you could be more encouraging towards, and consider sending them a text, letter, email, or phone call this week. Write about who you're not living harmoniously with, ask for God's forgiveness, and for courage to reconcile with that person.

Romans 16

It seems like gratitude is at the center of Paul's thoughts about the churches he writes to. He's always so thankful and hopeful for the men and women he knows, prays for, and interacts with. Write a prayer of thanksgiving for the men and women who you're thankful for in your faith journey, as well as in life in general.

Psalms 24, 42, & 43

Read these Psalms, and try re-writing them in your own words. Praise God for what the Psalmist praises him for. Lament, plead, confess, and petition along with the Psalmist in your own words as well.