

MISSIONS

EMPHASIS SUNDAY

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Genesis 12:2-3
Matthew 28:18-20
Revelation 5:9, 7:9

PRAY

Take time **before** your discussion to pray with and for one another. Be sure to write down the things you'll be praying for so you can continue to pray for your group throughout the week.

→ *If you're meeting virtually, use the Chat feature to write out these requests as they are shared. Use that list as a reference during the prayer time (and you can copy & paste it for your reference later in the week).*

READ GENESIS 12:2-3

God makes this promise to Abram, that his family would be a blessing to the nations and all people. Take a moment to reflect together on the vastness of such a promise. Can you imagine the sort of impact Abram was told he (and his offspring) would have on the world?

Leader: Take a moment to pray about the promise God made to Abram. Invite the Spirit to move in your midst during the rest of your discussion time, giving you a glimpse of your role in the fulfillment of that promise and the boldness to respond to his call on your life.

READ MATTHEW 28:18-20

What does it mean to have authority? Who currently has the ability to exercise authority over you in your various circles of life? How does that change how you relate to them?

How has your obedience to this call reflected the authority Christ has as Lord over your life?

How might recognizing that Jesus has authority over everyone you engage in gospel conversations with inform your confidence to be faithful?

This is a passage that many believers can become numb to. Or, perhaps, we can even assign to those that have a particular giftedness for evangelism or missions. Why do you think that tendency exists?

How does Jesus address the fear/anxiety that will come from doing the work of the gospel? Talk about a time when you experienced that fear...how did Jesus help you?

READ REVELATION 5:9, 7:9

Talk about the relationship between these verses from Revelation and the two passages we've read already.

How do you see God's will for your life at play in these verses? How can we help you to live that out?

PRAY TOGETHER

Ask the Father to give you a renewed sense of urgency to share the gospel with those around you. Pray boldly for personal obedience to live lives that work toward the fulfillment of God's plan to make disciples of all the nations.